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**BEING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD CONGRESS:**

**BEGUN AND HELD**

**AT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,**

**NOVEMBER 3, 1794,**

**AND IN THE NINETEENTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.**

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**CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:**

BEGUN and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the third of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, being the Second Session of the Third Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by law for the annual meeting of Congress, the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	{ Nicholas Gilman, Jeremiah Smith, and Paine Wingate.
From Massachusetts,	{ Fisher Ames, David Cobb, Henry Dearborn, Dwight Foster, Benjamin Goodhue, Samuel Holten, George Thatcher, Peleg Wadsworth, and Artemas Ward.
From Connecticut,	{ Joshua Coit, Amasa Learned, Zephaniah Swift, Uriah Tracey, and Jonathan Trumbull.
From Vermont,	Israel Smith.
From New York,	{ Theodorus Bailey, Philip Van Cortlandt, and John Watts.
From New Jersey,	{ John Beatty, and Elias Boudinot.
From Pennsylvania,	{ Thomas Hartley, John Wilkes Kittera, Frederick A. Muhlenberg, (Speaker) and Peter Muhlenberg.



From Maryland,

{ Gabriel Christie, and  
George Dent.

From Virginia,

{ Isaac Coles,  
Samuel Griffin,  
John Heath,  
Joseph Neville,  
Anthony New,  
Josiah Parker, and  
Robert Rutherford.

From Kentucky,

Christopher Greenup.

From North Carolina,

{ Thomas Blount,  
William Johnston Dawson,  
Nathaniel Macon, and  
Alexander Mebane.

From South Carolina,

William Smith,

From Georgia,

Abraham Baldwin.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Several other members, to wit: from Rhode Island, Francis Malbone; from New York, Henry Glen, James Gordon, and John E. Van Allen; from New Jersey, Jonathan Dayton; from Pennsylvania, Thomas Fitzsimons; from Delaware, Henry Latimer; from Maryland, William Vans Murray; from Virginia, George Hancock, Richard Bland Lee, James Madison, Andrew Moore, Francis Preston, and Francis Walker; and from North Carolina, Matthew Locke; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk of this House do go with said message.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Several other members, to wit: from New Hampshire, John S. Sherburne; from Massachusetts, William Lyman; from Connecticut, James Hillhouse; from Vermont, Nathaniel Niles; from New York, Ezekiel Gilbert; from Maryland, William Hindman; from Virginia, Thomas Claiborne; and from Georgia, Thomas P. Carnes; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Peleg Coffin; and from Virginia, John Nicholas; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Several other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, James Armstrong and William Montgomery; from Virginia, William B. Giles; from North Carolina, Joseph Winston; and from South Carolina, John Hunter; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of Elections be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials of the Members returned to serve in this House; and to take into their consideration all such matters as shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, touching returns and elections, and to report their proceedings, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Dayton, Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Hunter.



*Ordered*, That the letter from the Governor of Maryland, together with the return of the election of Gabriel Duvall, to serve as one of the members of this House for the said State, in the room of John Francis Mercer, who has resigned his seat, which were laid before the House, at the last session, be referred to the said Committee of Elections.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Several other Members, to wit: From New York, Thomas Tredwell, from New Jersey, Lambert Cadwalader; from Pennsylvania, John Smilie; from North Carolina, William Barry Grove, and Joseph M'Dowel; and from South Carolina, Richard Winn; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom, all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined; and also to examine and report such laws of the United States as have expired, or will expire before the next session.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Kittera.

A petition of Moses Myers, of the borough of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the duties accruing on certain goods which he imported, and which, after entry thereof made, were sunk and damaged by the oversetting of the craft employed to bring them on shore.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Parker, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Coffin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Peter Covenhoven, which was made to this House on the twenty-first of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Two other members, to wit: From Massachusetts, Shearjashub Bourne; and from New York, Peter Van Gaasbeck; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from James White, enclosing the credentials of his appointment as a Representative of the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, in the Congress of the United States, according to the ordinance of Congress of the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Walker, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, and also to examine and report such laws of the United States as have expired, or will expire before the next session, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the letter from the Governor of Maryland, together with the return of the election of Gabriel Duvall, to serve as one of the members of this House for the said State, in the room of John Francis Mercer, who has resigned his seat, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

"That it appears from a certificate signed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, in Council, and under the seal of the said State, that Gabriel Duvall was duly elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of John Francis Mercer, who had resigned his seat.

That the resignation of the said John Francis Mercer appears from his letter, dated the thirteenth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, directed to the Governor of Maryland.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the committee, Gabriel Duvall is entitled to take a seat in the House, as one of the Representatives for the State of Maryland, in the stead of John Francis Mercer."



The said resolution was again read; and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Duvall then appeared, and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House, as one of the Representatives for the State of Maryland, in the room of John Francis Mercer.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House, which was made on the seventh of January last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Another member, to wit: Carter B. Harrison, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Andrew Taylor, of Ulster county, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as a Deputy Quartermaster in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Samuel Emery, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that a new register may be granted in the case of the brig Lucy, an American bottom, which was sold in the year 1792, to a person not a citizen of the United States, it being omitted in the bill of sale of the said brig, to insert a copy of the register, in consequence of which omission, the Collector of the port of Philadelphia conceives himself unauthorized to grant a new register.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said report, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Two other members to wit: Andrew Gregg, and Daniel Heister, from Pennsylvania, appeared and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers, printed in this City, such as the members respectively shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings.

A petition of George Campbell, of the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a Captain of Artificers, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of receipts and expenditures for the War Department, from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House; and the said amendments being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House. The said report, as amended, being then again read, and further amended at the Clerk's table,



*Resolved*, That the following be established as the standing rules and orders of this House, to wit;

## STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

### *First.—Touching the Duty of the Speaker.*

He shall take the Chair every day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members.

He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the question may be) say Ay:" and after the affirmative voice is expressed—"As many as are of a contrary opinion, say No." If the Speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubts, or a count be required, the Speaker shall name two members, one from each side, to tell the numbers in the affirmative; which being reported, he shall then name two others, one from each side, to tell those in the negative; which being also reported, he shall rise, and state the decision to the House.

All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House; in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if, upon such ballot, the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the House shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and in case a greater number than are required to compose or complete the committee, shall have an equal number of votes, the House shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

In all cases of ballot by the House, the Speaker shall vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal; and, in case of such equal division, the question shall be lost.

All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions, shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants, or subpoenas, issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the Clerk.

In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker, (or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House,) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

### *Secondly.—Of Decorum and Debate.*

When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to Mr. Speaker.

If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.

When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.

No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the House; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

Whilst the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out of, or across the House; nor either in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested; or in any other case where he was not present when the question was put.

Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.



Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Clerk, before debated.

Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member desire it.

After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend it, to commit it, for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by five members; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and further debate of the main question.

On a previous question, no member shall speak more than once without leave.

Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

A motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.

No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

When the reading of a paper is called for, which had before been read to the House, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the House.

The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion on any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

In all other cases of ballot than for committees, a majority of the votes given shall be necessary to an election; and when there shall not be such majority on the first ballot, the ballot shall be repeated until a majority be obtained.

In all cases when others than members of the House may be eligible, there shall be a previous nomination.

If a question depending be lost by adjournment of the House, and revived on the succeeding day, no member who has spoken twice on the day preceding, shall be permitted again to speak without leave.

Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate shall be necessary, shall be read to the House, and laid on the table, on a day preceding that in which the same shall be moved, unless the House shall otherwise expressly allow.

Petitions, memorials, and other papers, addressed to the House, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall not be debated or decided on the day of their being first read, unless where the House shall direct otherwise; but shall lie on the table, to be taken up in the order they were read.

Any fifteen members, (including the Speaker, if there is one,) shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members.

Upon calls of the House, or in taking the yeas and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.

Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees.

No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be sick, and unable to attend.

Upon a call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; after which, the names of the absentees shall be again called over, the doors shall then be shut, and those for whom no excuse, or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of the House, be taken into custody, as they appear, or may be sent for, and taken into custody, wherever to be found, by special messengers to be appointed for that purpose.

When a member shall be discharged from custody, and admitted to his seat, the House shall determine whether such discharge shall be with, or without, paying fees: and in like manner, whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special messenger, shall, or shall not, be liable to defray the expense of such special messenger.

A Serjeant-at-Arms shall be appointed, to hold his office during the pleasure of the House, whose duty shall be to attend the House during its sitting; to execute the commands of the House, from time to time, either by himself, or a special messenger, to be



by him appointed for that purpose, together with all such process issued by authority thereof, as shall be directed to him by the Speaker.

The fees of the Serjeant-at-Arms shall be, for every arrest, the sum of two dollars; for each day's custody and releasement, one dollar; and for travelling expenses of himself, or a special messenger, going and returning, one tenth of a dollar per mile.

Two standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, to consist of seven members each, to wit:

A Committee of Elections, and

A Committee of Claims.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Elections to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, and to take into their consideration all such petitions and other matters touching election, and returns, as shall or may be presented, or come in question, and be referred to them by the House.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims or demands on the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein, as to them shall seem expedient.

No committee shall sit, during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

The Clerk of the House shall take an oath for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the best of his knowledge and abilities; and shall be deemed to continue in office until another be appointed.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House, at the end of each session, to send a printed copy of the Journal thereof to the Executive, and to each branch of the Legislature of every State.

Whenever confidential communications are received from the President of the United States, the House shall be cleared of all persons, except the members and its officers, and so continue during the reading of such communications; and (unless otherwise directed by the House) during all debates and proceedings to be had thereon. And when the Speaker, or any other member shall inform the House that he has communications to make, which he conceives ought to be kept secret, the House shall, in like manner, be cleared till the communication be made; the House shall then determine whether the matter communicated requires secrecy or not, and take order accordingly.

### *Thirdly.—Of Bills.*

Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, or by an order of the House, on the report of a committee; and, in either case, a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed. In cases of a general nature, one day's notice, at least, shall be given of the motion to bring in a bill; and every such motion may be committed.

Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House previous to its passage; and all bills shall be despatched in order as they were introduced, unless where the House shall direct otherwise; but no bill shall be twice read on the same day without special order of the House.

The first reading of a bill shall be for information; and, if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

Upon the second reading of a bill, the Speaker shall state it as ready for commitment or engrossment; and, if committed, then a question shall be, whether to a Select Committee, or to a Committee of the Whole House; if to a Committee of the Whole House, the House shall determine on what day. But, if the bill be ordered to be engrossed, the House shall appoint the day when it shall be read the third time. After commitment and report thereof to the House, a bill may be re-committed, or at any time before its passage.

All bills ordered to be engrossed shall be executed in a fair round hand.

When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified by the Clerk, noting the day of its passing at the foot thereof.

### *Fourthly.—Of Committees of the Whole House.*

It shall be a standing order of the day, throughout the session, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

In forming a Committee of the Whole House the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a chairman to preside in committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.



Upon bills committed to a Committee of the Whole House, the bill shall be first read throughout by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered; the body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses before a question to engross it be taken.

All amendments made to an original motion in committee, shall be incorporated with the motion, and so reported.

All amendments made to a report committed to a Committee of the Whole House, shall be noted and reported as in the case of bills.

All questions, whether in committee or in the House, shall be propounded in the order they were moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

No motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the People shall be discussed the day in which it is made or offered, and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House.

No sum or quantum of tax or duty voted by a Committee of the Whole House, shall be increased in the House, until the motion or proposition for such increase shall be first discussed and voted in a Committee of the Whole House; and so in respect to the time of its continuance.

All proceedings touching appropriations of money, shall be first moved and discussed in a Committee of the Whole House.

The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in committee, so far as they may be applicable, except that limiting the times of speaking.

No standing rule or order of the House shall be rescinded without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor.

### *Joint Rules and Orders of the two Houses.*

In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one House and dissented to in the other, if either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their Chairman, meet in the Conference Chamber, and state to each other verbally, or in writing, as either shall chuse, the reasons of their respective Houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.

When a message shall be sent from the Senate to the House of Representatives, it shall be announced at the door of the House by the Doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the chair by the person by whom it may be sent.

The same ceremony shall be observed when a message shall be sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine to be proper.

While bills are on their passage between the two Houses, they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each House, respectively.

After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled on parchment by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other House, before it shall be presented to the President of the United States.

When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a Joint Committee of one from the Senate, and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a Standing Committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrolment with the engrossed bills as passed in the two Houses, and, correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to the respective Houses.

After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and then by the President of the Senate.

After a bill shall have thus been signed in each House, it shall be presented by the said committee to the President of the United States for his approbation, it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which House the same originated; which endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk (as the case may be) of the House in which the same did originate, and shall be entered on the Journal of each House. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the President, which time shall also be carefully entered on the Journal of each House.



All orders, resolutions, and votes, which are to be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, shall also, in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed, and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as provided in case of bills.

When the Senate and House of Representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the President, it shall be presented to him in his Audience Chamber by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the Speaker and both Houses.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Peter Covenhoven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

*Resolved*, That there be allowed to Peter Covenhoven the sum of ——— dollars, in full for his expenses attending the cure of a wound received near Fort Schuyler, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Beatty, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Holten, do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Samuel Dexter; from Virginia, Abraham Venable; and from Kentucky, Alexander D. Orr; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from James White, enclosing the credentials of his appointment as a Representative of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Tracey, Mr. Foster, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Heath, Mr. Christie, and Mr. Mebane.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Two other members, to wit: from Rhode Island, Benjamin Bourne; and from South Carolina, Andrew Pickens; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of Pierre Egron was presented to the House and read, praying the patronage of Congress, and an exemption from postage, in aid of a literary work which he is now prosecuting.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Joab Stafford, of the County of Herkimer, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed an arrearage of pension due to him as a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war, or such other compensation in lieu thereof, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petition of George Campbell, which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from James White, together with the credentials of his appointment as a Representative of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said report do lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Another member, to wit: Theodore Sedgwick, from Massachusetts, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of James Crawford, of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented



to the House and read, praying that a new register may be granted in the case of the brig Betsey, an American bottom, taken by the British at Saint Pierre's, in the Island of Martinique, in the month of February last; the said brig being condemned, and her original register detained by the captors.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial, together with the petition of Samuel Emery, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Cadwalader; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the letter from James White, enclosing the credentials of his appointment as a Representative of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported no amendment: Whereupon,

The said report being again read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That, by the ordinance for the government of the Territory of the United States, Northwest of the River Ohio, section 9, it is provided, 'that, so soon as there shall be five thousand free male inhabitants of full age in the District, upon giving proof thereof to the Governor, they shall receive authority to elect Representatives to represent them in a General Assembly;' and by the 12th section of the ordinance, 'as soon as a Legislature shall be formed in the District, the Council and House, assembled in one room, shall have authority, by joint ballot, to elect a Delegate to Congress, who shall have a seat in Congress, with a right of debating, but not of voting, during this temporary government.' Full effect is given to this ordinance by act of Congress, August 7, 1789.

That, by the deed of cession of the Territory South of the River Ohio, to the United States, in the fourth article, it is also provided 'that the inhabitants of the said Territory shall enjoy all the privileges, benefits, and advantages, set forth in the ordinance of the late Congress for the government of the Western Territory; that is to say, Congress shall assume the government of the said Territory, which they shall execute in a manner similar to that which they support in the Territory West of the Ohio, and shall never bar or deprive them of any privilege which the People in the Territory West of the Ohio enjoy.'

The cession, on these conditions, was accepted by act of Congress, on the 2d of April, 1790.

By an act passed the 26th May, 1790, for the government of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, it is enacted, 'that the inhabitants shall enjoy all the privileges, benefits, and advantages, set forth in the ordinance of the late Congress for the government of the Territory of the United States, Northwest of the River Ohio. And the government of the said Territory South of the Ohio, shall be similar to that which is now exercised in the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio; except so far as is otherwise provided in the conditions expressed in an act of Congress of the present session, entitled 'An act to accept a cession of the claim of the State of North Carolina to a certain District of Western Territory.' The committee are of opinion that James White has been duly elected as Delegate from the Territory of the United States, South of the Ohio, on the terms of the foregoing acts: they, therefore, submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That James White be admitted to a seat in this House as a Delegate from the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, with a right of debating, but not of voting."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Pierre Egron, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Madison; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Gilman, be appointed a committee on the part of this House for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate.

On motion,



*Resolved*, That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session, one by each House, to interchange weekly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Boudinot, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would make a communication to both Houses of Congress, to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in the Representatives' Chamber.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the Southwestern Territory, and making provision for his compensation; and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Macon, be the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Another member, to wit: Thomas Scott, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Joze Roiz Silva, of the city of New York, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that the sum of two thousand five hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty cents, may be refunded to him, it being the difference in the amount of duties on a quantity of wines imported by the memorialist, and which, through mistake, was exacted from him by the Collector of the port of New York, beyond the legal duties.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Malbone; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners for purchasing the public debt, stating the amount of their purchases and other proceedings since their report of the sixteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House is now ready to attend them in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned,

The Senate attended and took seats in the House; when, both Houses being assembled, the President of the United States came into the Representatives' Chamber, and addressed them as followeth:

*Fellow Citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

When we call to mind the gracious indulgence of Heaven, by which the American People became a nation; when we survey the general prosperity of our country, and look forward to the riches, power, and happiness, to which it seems destined; with the deepest regret do I announce to you that, during your recess, some of the citizens of the United States have been found capable of an insurrection. It is due, however, to the character of our Government, and to its stability, which cannot be shaken by the enemies of order, freely to unfold the course of this event.

During the session of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, it was expedient to exercise the legislative power, granted by the Constitution of the United States, "to lay and collect excises." In a majority of the States, scarcely an objection was made to this mode of taxation. In some, indeed, alarms were at first conceived, until they were banished by reason and patriotism. In the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, a prejudice, fostered and embittered by the artifice of men, who labored for an ascendancy over the will of others, by the guidance of their passions, produced symptoms of riot and violence. It is well known that Congress did not hesitate to examine the complaints which were presented, and to relieve them, as far as justice dictated, or general convenience would permit. But the impression which this moderation made on the discontented, did not correspond with what it deserved. The arts of delusion were no longer confined to the efforts of designing individuals. The very forbearance to press prosecutions was misinterpreted into a fear of urging the execution of the laws; and associations of men began to denounce threats against the officers.



employed. From a belief that, by a more formal concert, their operation might be defeated, certain self-created societies assumed the tone of condemnation. Hence, while the greater part of Pennsylvania itself were conforming themselves to the acts of excise, a few counties were resolved to frustrate them. It was now perceived that every expectation from the tenderness which had been hitherto pursued, was unavailing, and that further delay could only create an opinion of impotency or irresolution in the Government. Legal process, was, therefore, delivered to the Marshal, against the rioters and delinquent distillers. No sooner was he understood to be engaged in this duty, than the vengeance of armed men was aimed at *his* person, and the person and property of the Inspector of the Revenue. They fired upon the Marshal, arrested him, and detained him for some time as a prisoner. He was obliged, by the jeopardy of his life, to renounce the service of other process, on the West side of the Allegheny Mountain; and a deputation was afterwards sent to him to demand a surrender of that which he *had* served. A numerous body repeatedly attacked the house of the Inspector—seized his papers of office—and, finally destroyed, by fire, his buildings, and whatsoever they contained. Both of these officers, from a just regard to their safety, fled to the Seat of Government; it being avowed, that the motives to such outrages were to compel the resignation of the Inspector—to withstand, by force of arms, the authority of the United States, and thereby to extort a repeal of the laws of excise, and an alteration in the conduct of Government.

Upon the testimony of these facts, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States notified to me that, “in the counties of Washington and Allegheny, in Pennsylvania, laws of the United States were opposed, and the execution thereof obstructed by combinations, too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, or by the powers vested in the Marshal of that District.” On this call, momentous in the extreme, I sought and weighed what might best subdue the crisis. On the one hand, the judiciary was pronounced to be stripped of its capacity to enforce the laws; crimes, which reached the very existence of social order, were perpetrated without control; the friends of Government were insulted, abused, and overawed into silence, or an apparent acquiescence; and to yield to the treasonable fury of so small a portion of the United States, would be to violate the fundamental principle of our Constitution, which enjoins that the will of the majority shall prevail. On the other, to array citizen against citizen—to publish the dishonor of such excesses—to encounter the expense, and other embarrassments of so distant an expedition, were steps too delicate, too closely interwoven with many affecting considerations, to be lightly adopted. I postponed, therefore, the summoning of the Militia immediately into the field. But I required them to be held in readiness, that, if my anxious endeavors to reclaim the deluded, and to convince the malignant of their danger, should be fruitless, military force might be prepared to act before the season should be too far advanced.

My proclamation of the seventh of August last, was accordingly issued, and accompanied by the appointment of Commissioners, who were charged to repair to the scene of insurrection. They were authorized to confer with any bodies of men, or individuals. They were instructed to be candid and explicit in stating the sensations which had been excited in the Executive, and its earnest wish to avoid a resort to coercion. To represent, however, that, without submission, coercion *must* be the resort; but to invite them, at the same time, to return to the demeanor of faithful citizens, by such accommodations as lay within the sphere of Executive power. Pardon, too, was tendered to them by the Government of the United States, and that of Pennsylvania, upon no other condition, than a satisfactory assurance of obedience to the laws.

Although the report of the Commissioners marks their firmness and abilities, and must unite all virtuous men, by shewing that the means of conciliation have been exhausted, all of those who had committed or abetted the tumults, did not subscribe the mild form which was proposed, as the atonement; and the indications of a peaceable temper, were neither sufficiently general nor conclusive, to recommend or warrant the farther suspension of the march of the Militia.

Thus, the painful alternative could not be discarded. I ordered the Militia to march, after once more admonishing the insurgents, in my proclamation of the twenty-fifth of September last.

It was a task too difficult to ascertain with precision the lowest degree of force, competent to the quelling of the insurrection. From a respect, indeed, to economy, and the ease of my fellow citizens belonging to the Militia, it would have gratified me to accomplish such an estimate. My very reluctance to ascribe too much importance to the opposition, had its extent been accurately seen, would have been a decided inducement to the smallest efficient numbers. In this uncertainty, therefore, I put into mo-



tion fifteen thousand men, as being an army which, according to all human calculation, would be prompt, and adequate in every view; and might, perhaps, by rendering resistance desperate, prevent the effusion of blood. Quotas had been assigned to the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia; the Governor of Pennsylvania having declared, on this occasion, an opinion which justified a requisition to the other States.

As Commander in Chief of the Militia, when called into the actual service of the United States, I have visited the places of general rendezvous, to obtain more exact information, and to direct a plan for ulterior movements. Had there been room for a persuasion, that the laws were secure from obstruction; that the Civil Magistrate was able to bring to justice such of the most culpable, as have not embraced the proffered terms of amnesty, and may be deemed fit objects of example; that the friends to peace and good government were not in need of that aid and countenance, which they ought always to receive, and I trust, ever will receive, against the vicious and turbulent, I should have caught, with avidity, the opportunity of restoring the Militia to their families and home. But succeeding intelligence has tended to manifest the necessity of what has been done; it being now confessed by those who were not inclined to exaggerate the ill conduct of the insurgents, that their malevolence was not pointed merely to a particular law, but that a spirit, inimical to all order, has actuated many of the offenders. If the state of things had afforded reason for the continuance of my presence with the Army, it would not have been withholden. But every appearance assuring such an issue as will redound to the reputation and strength of the United States, I have judged it most proper to resume my duties at the Seat of Government, leaving the chief command with the Governor of Virginia.

Still, however, as it is probable, that, in a commotion like the present, whatsoever may be the pretence, the purposes of mischief and revenge may not be laid aside, the stationing of a small force for a certain period in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, will be indispensable, whether we contemplate the situation of those who are connected with the execution of the laws, or of others who may have exposed themselves by an honorable attachment to them. Thirty days from the commencement of this session being the legal limitation of the employment of the Militia, Congress cannot be too early occupied with this subject.

Among the discussions which may arise from this aspect of our affairs, and from the documents which will be submitted to Congress, it will not escape their observation, that not only the Inspector of the Revenue, but other officers of the United States, in Pennsylvania, have, from their fidelity in the discharge of their functions, sustained material injuries to their property. The obligation and policy of indemnifying them, are strong and obvious. It may also merit attention, whether policy will not enlarge this provision to the retribution of other citizens, who, though not under the ties of office, may have suffered damage by their generous exertions for upholding the Constitution and the laws. The amount, even if all the injured were included, would not be great; and, on future emergencies, the Government would be amply repaid by the influence of an example, that he who incurs a loss in its defence, shall find a recompence in its liberality.

While there is cause to lament that occurrences of this nature should have disgraced the name, or interrupted the tranquillity of any part of our community, or should have diverted to a new application any portion of the public resources, there are not wanting real and substantial consolations for the misfortune. It has demonstrated that our prosperity rests on solid foundations; by furnishing an additional proof that my fellow citizens understand the true principles of government and liberty: that they feel their inseparable union: that, notwithstanding all the devices which have been used to sway them from their interest and duty, they are now as ready to maintain the authority of the laws against licentious invasions, as they were to defend their rights against usurpation. It has been a spectacle, displaying to the highest advantage the value of Republican Government, to behold the most and the least wealthy of our citizens standing in the same ranks as private soldiers, pre-eminently distinguished by being the army of the constitution, undeterred by a march of three hundred miles over rugged mountains, by the approach of an inclement season, or by any other discouragement. Nor ought I to omit to acknowledge the efficacious and patriotic co-operation which I have experienced from the Chief Magistrates of the States to which my requisitions have been addressed.

To every description, indeed, of citizens, let praise be given. But let them persevere in their affectionate vigilance over that precious depository of American happiness, the Constitution of the United States. Let them cherish it, too, for the sake of those who, from every clime, are daily seeking a dwelling in our land. And when, in



the calm moments of reflection, they shall have retraced the origin and progress of the insurrection, let them determine whether it has not been fomented by combinations of men, who, careless of consequences, and disregarding the unerring truth that those who rouse cannot always appease a civil convulsion, have disseminated, from an ignorance or perversion of facts, suspicions, jealousies, and accusations, of the whole Government.

Having thus fulfilled the engagement which I took when I entered into office, "to the best of my ability to preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States," on you, Gentlemen, and the People by whom you are deputed, I rely for support.

In the arrangements to which the possibility of a similar contingency will naturally draw your attention, it ought not to be forgotten that the militia laws have exhibited such striking defects, as could not have been supplied but by the zeal of our citizens. Besides the extraordinary expense and waste, which are not the least of the defects, every appeal to those laws is attended with a doubt on its success.

The devising and establishing of a well regulated militia, would be a genuine source of legislative honor, and a perfect title to public gratitude. I, therefore, entertain a hope that the present session will not pass without carrying to its full energy the power of organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia; and thus providing, in the language of the constitution, for calling them forth to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions.

As auxiliary to the state of our defence, to which Congress can never too frequently recur, they will not omit to inquire, whether the fortifications, which have been already licensed by law, be commensurate with our exigences.

The intelligence from the Army under the command of General Wayne, is a happy presage to our military operations against the hostile Indians North of the Ohio. From the advices which have been forwarded, the advance which he has made must have damped the ardor of the savages, and weakened their obstinacy, in waging war against the United States. And yet, even at this late hour, when our power to punish them cannot be questioned, we shall not be unwilling to cement a lasting peace, upon terms of candor, equity, and good neighborhood.

Towards none of the Indian tribes have overtures of friendship been spared. The Creeks, in particular, are covered from encroachment by the interposition of the General Government, and that of Georgia. From a desire, also, to remove the discontents of the Six Nations, a settlement, meditated at Presqu'isle on Lake Erie, has been suspended; and an Agent is now endeavoring to rectify any misconception into which they may have fallen. But I cannot refrain from again pressing upon your deliberations, the plan which I recommended at the last session, for the improvement of harmony with all the Indians within our limits, by the fixing and conducting of trading houses, upon the principles then expressed.

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

The time which has elapsed since the commencement of our fiscal measures, has developed our pecuniary resources, so as to open the way for a definitive plan for the redemption of the public debt. It is believed, that the result is such as to encourage Congress to consummate this work without delay. Nothing can more promote the permanent welfare of the nation, and nothing would be more grateful to our constituents. Indeed, whatsoever is unfinished of our system of public credit, cannot be benefitted by procrastination; and, as far as may be practicable, we ought to place that credit on grounds which cannot be disturbed, and to prevent that progressive accumulation of debt which must ultimately endanger all Governments.

An estimate of the necessary appropriations, including the expenditures into which we have been driven by the insurrection, will be submitted to Congress.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

The Mint of the United States has entered upon the coinage of the precious metals, and considerable sums of defective coins and bullion have been lodged with the Director by individuals. There is a pleasing prospect that the institution will, at no remote day, realize the expectation which was originally formed of its utility.

In subsequent communications, certain circumstances of our intercourse with foreign nations will be transmitted to Congress. However, it may not be unseasonable to announce that my policy in our foreign transactions has been, to cultivate peace with all the world; to observe treaties with pure and absolute faith; to check every deviation from the line of impartiality; to explain what may have been misapprehended, and cor-



rect what may have been injurious to any nation; and having thus acquired the right, to lose no time in acquiring the ability, to insist upon justice being done to ourselves.

Let us unite, therefore, in imploring the Supreme Ruler of Nations to spread his holy protection over these United States; to turn the machinations of the wicked to the confirming of our Constitution; to enable us at all times to root out internal sedition, and put invasion to flight; to perpetuate to our country that prosperity, which his goodness has already conferred, and to verify the anticipations of this Government being a safeguard to human rights.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *November the 19th, 1794.*

The President of the United States then withdrew, and the two Houses separated.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Another member, to wit: William Findley, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved,* That it is the opinion of this committee that a respectful address ought to be presented by the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of this session, containing assurances that this House will take into consideration, the various and important matters recommended to their attention.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Scott, be appointed a committee to prepare an address, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said speech.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress for the present session, and have elected the Right Reverend Bishop White, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the Whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Ashbel Green.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, who delivered in sundry documents referred to in the President's speech to both Houses, from No. 1, to No. 8, inclusive, relative to the insurrection in the Counties of Washington and Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania; also, sundry communications from General Wayne; from the Governor of Georgia; from the Superintendent of Indian affairs in the Creek nation; and respecting the establishment of a post by the State of Pennsylvania at Presqu'isle; together with a letter from the Director of the Mint. And then he withdrew.

The said documents and communications were partly read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

A petition of Joseph M'Craken, of the County of Washington, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and moneys advanced, as a Captain in the Continental Army, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Elisha Frizell, of the State of New York, praying that he may receive an arrearage of pension due to him for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.



*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the relief of John R. Livingston; and that Mr. Coit, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Neville, be the said committee.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the South-western Territory, and making provision for his compensation; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trumbull reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said speech under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and are as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that provision ought to be made by law for raising a force, to be composed of the militia of the United States, to be stationed within the four Western Counties of Pennsylvania, for such period as may be requisite to secure the execution of the laws.

2d. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that farther provision ought to be made by law for the redemption of the public debt.

3d. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that a plan ought to be prepared for the better organizing, arming, and discipling the militia of the United States; and further to provide for calling them forth to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions.

4th. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that inquiry ought to be made, whether the fortifications, which have already been licensed by law, are commensurate with the public exigence.

5th. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that so much of the President's speech as relates to improving of harmony with the Indian nations within our limits, by fixing and conducting of trading houses, should be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The first, second, third, and fifth resolutions, were severally read the second time, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fourth resolution was read a second time, amended at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to direct the proper officer to lay before this House a statement of the progress made in the fortifications licensed by law.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the first resolution, and that Mr. Murray, Mr. Hillhouse, and Mr. Giles, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a plan, pursuant to the second resolution, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Nicholas, be the said committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Giles, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Heister, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Van Cortlandt, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first part of the third resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. McDowell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the second part of the third resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bailey and Mr. Armstrong be appointed a committee, to wait on President of the United States, with the fourth resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parker, Mr. Blount, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Findley, and Mr. Greenup, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fifth resolution.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said speech.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Moses Myers, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:



UNITED STATES, November the 21st, 1794.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :*

I lay before Congress copies of a letter from the Governor of the State of New York, and of the exemplification of an act of the Legislature thereof, ratifying the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Senate and House of Representatives, at their last session, respecting the judicial power.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the reading of the papers, communicated yesterday, by message, from the President of the United States; and made a farther progress therein.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

The petitions of Thomas Marshall and of Robert Peling were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Abigail Lewis, widow and legal representative of the Reverend Ichabod Lewis, deceased, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for damages done to the property of the deceased, by a detachment of the American Army, some time in the year 1776.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War on the memorial of Peter Perrit; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said address under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said address.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Another Member, to wit: James Gillespie, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Murray, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of Militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the Southwestern Territory, and making provision for his compensation; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to direct the proper officer to state to this House the difficulties and inconveniences which have occurred in the execution of the act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United States."

*Ordered,* That Mr. Moore and Mr. Gordon be appointed a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Address to the President of the United States, in an-



swer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said address under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said Address, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, November 25, 1794.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I lay before you a statement of the troops in the service of the United States, which has been submitted to me by the Secretary of War. It will rest with Congress to consider and determine whether further inducements shall be held out for entering into the military service of the United States, in order to complete the establishment authorized by law.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table, The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

An engrossed bill extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the Southwestern Territory, and making provision for his compensation, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Samuel Miller, of the county of Westchester, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter signed Oliver Wolcott, Jun. on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year 1795; also, statements of the application of certain sums of money granted by law; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to increase the pay, and regulate the other allowances hereafter to be given to non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the troops on the Military Establishment of the United States, and of the Militia, when called into actual service, and to ascertain the time when the pay of the Militia shall in future commence; and to make farther and more ample provision for the pay of the Militia on the present expedition to Fort Pitt."

*Ordered*, That the said motion be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the better organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of Militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the Address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress; and debate arising thereon, after some time spent therein,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

An engrossed bill to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of Militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of the Militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John R. Livingston; which was received, and read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of War on the memorial of Peter Peritt, which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported, on Tuesday last, from the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred the Address to the President of the United States, in answer to his Speech to both Houses of Congress: Whereupon,

The first amendment being under consideration, to insert as the second clause of the said Address, the words following, to wit:

“In tracing the origin and progress of the insurrection, we can entertain no doubt that certain combinations of men, careless of consequences and disregarding the truth, by disseminating suspicions, jealousies, and accusations, of the Government, have had all the agency you ascribe to them, in fomenting this daring outrage against social order and the authority of the laws:”

A motion was made and seconded to amend the said clause by inserting, after the word "*certain*" in the second line, the words "*self-created societies and:*"

And, on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 47,  
Nays ..... 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

\*Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
James Armstrong,  
John Beatty,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
William J. Dawson,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Samuel Dexter,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
James Gordon,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William Barry Grove,  
Thomas Hartley,  
James Hillhouse,

William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Latimer,  
Amasa Learned,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Vans Murray,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John S. Sherburne,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
William Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Artemas Ward,  
John Watts, and  
Paine Wingate.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Gabriel Christie,

Thomas Claiborne,  
Isaac Coles,  
Henry Dearborn,  
George Dent,  
Gabriel Duvall,



William Findley,  
 William B. Giles,  
 James Gillespie,  
 Christopher Greenup,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 George Hancock,  
 Carter B. Harrison,  
 John Heath,  
 Daniel Heister,  
 John Hunter,  
 Matthew Locke,  
 William Lyman,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 James Madison,  
 Joseph M'Dowell,  
 Alexander Mebane,  
 William Montgomery,  
 Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Joseph Neville,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Nathaniel Niles,  
 Alexander D. Orr,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 Andrew Pickens,  
 Francis Preston,  
 Robert Rutherford,  
 John Smilie,  
 Israel Smith,  
 Thomas Tredwell,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Abraham Venable,  
 Francis Walker, and  
 Joseph Winston.

Another motion was then made and seconded, further to amend the said clause, by inserting, after the words "*combinations of men*," the words "*in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, and parts adjacent*."

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, the House being equally divided,

To wit: { Yeas ..... 46,  
               { Nays ..... 46.

The Speaker declaring himself with the yeas.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, were as follow :

#### YEAS.

Theodorus Bailey,  
 Abraham Baldwin,  
 Thomas Blount,  
 Thomas P. Carnes,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 Thomas Claiborne,  
 Isaac Coles,  
 William J. Dawson,  
 Henry Dearborn,  
 George Dent,  
 Gabriel Duvall,  
 William Findley,  
 William B. Giles,  
 James Gillespie,  
 Christopher Greenup,  
 Andrew Gregg,  
 George Hancock,  
 Carter B. Harrison,  
 John Heath,  
 Daniel Heister,  
 John Hunter,  
 Matthew Locke,  
 William Lyman,

Nathaniel Macon,  
 James Madison,  
 Joseph M'Dowell,  
 Alexander Mebane,  
 William Montgomery,  
 Andrew Moore,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Joseph Neville,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Nathaniel Niles,  
 Alexander D. Orr,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 Andrew Pickens,  
 Francis Preston,  
 Robert Rutherford,  
 John Smilie,  
 Israel Smith,  
 Thomas Tredwell,  
 Philip Van Cortlandt,  
 Abraham Venable,  
 Francis Walker, and  
 Joseph Winston.

#### NAYS.

Fisher Ames,  
 James Armstrong,  
 John Beatty,  
 Elias Boudinot,  
 Shearjashub Bourne,  
 Benjamin Bourne,  
 Lambert Cadwalader,  
 David Cobb,  
 Peleg Coffin,

Joshua Coit,  
 Jonathan Dayton,  
 Samuel Dexter,  
 Thomas Fitzsimons,  
 Dwight Foster,  
 Ezekiel Gilbert,  
 Nicholas Gilman,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Benjamin Goodhue,



James Gordon,  
 Samuel Griffin,  
 William B. Grove,  
 Thomas Hartley,  
 James Hillhouse,  
 William Hindman,  
 Samuel Holten,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Henry Latimer,  
 Amasa Learned,  
 Richard Bland Lee,  
 Francis Malbone,  
 William Vans Murray,  
 Thomas Scott,

Theodore Sedgwick,  
 John S. Sherburne,  
 Jeremiah Smith,  
 William Smith,  
 Zephaniah Swift,  
 George Thatcher,  
 Uriah Tracey,  
 Jonathan Trumbull,  
 John E. Van Allen,  
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Artemas Ward,  
 John Watts, and  
 Paine Wingate.

Another motion was then made and seconded, further to amend the said clause, by inserting, after the word "*adjacent*," in the amendment last agreed to, the words "*countenanced by self-created societies elsewhere*:"

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 42,  
                                       { Nays ..... 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
 James Armstrong,  
 John Beatty,  
 Elias Boudinot,  
 Shearjashub Bourne,  
 Benjamin Bourne,  
 Lambert Cadwalader,  
 David Cobb,  
 Peleg Coffin,  
 Joshua Coit,  
 Jonathan Dayton,  
 Samuel Dexter,  
 Thomas Fitzsimons,  
 Dwight Foster,  
 Ezekiel Gilbert,  
 Henry Glen,  
 Benjamin Goodhue,  
 James Gordon,  
 Thomas Hartley,  
 James Hillhouse,  
 William Hindman,

Samuel Holten,  
 John Wilkes Kittera,  
 Henry Latimer,  
 Amasa Learned,  
 Richard Bland Lee,  
 Francis Malbone,  
 William Vans Murray,  
 Thomas Scott,  
 Theodore Sedgwick,  
 Jeremiah Smith,  
 William Smith,  
 Zephaniah Swift,  
 George Thatcher,  
 Uriah Tracey,  
 Jonathan Trumbull,  
 John E. Van Allen,  
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
 Peleg Wadsworth,  
 Artemas Ward,  
 John Watts, and  
 Paine Wingate.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
 Abraham Baldwin,  
 Thomas Blount,  
 Thomas P. Carnes,  
 Gabriel Christie,  
 Thomas Claiborne,  
 Isaac Coles,  
 William J. Dawson,  
 Henry Dearborn,  
 George Dent,  
 Gabriel Duvall,  
 William Findley,  
 William B. Giles,  
 James Gillespie,  
 Nicholas Gilman,  
 Christopher Greenup,  
 Andrew Gregg,

Samuel Griffin,  
 William B. Grove,  
 George Hancock,  
 Carter B. Harrison,  
 John Heath,  
 Daniel Heister,  
 John Hunter,  
 Matthew Locke,  
 William Lyman,  
 Nathaniel Macon,  
 James Madison,  
 Joseph M'Dowell,  
 Alexander Mebane,  
 William Montgomery,  
 Andrew Moore,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Joseph Neville,



Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
Josiah Parker,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Francis Preston,  
Robert Rutherford,

John S. Sherburne,  
John Smilie,  
Israel Smith,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker, and  
Joseph Winston.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said clause, amended to read as followeth:

"In tracing the origin and progress of the insurrection, we can entertain no doubt, that certain self-created societies and combinations of men in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, and parts adjacent, careless of consequences, and disregarding the truth, by disseminating suspicions, jealousies, and accusations of the Government, have had all the agency you ascribe to them, in fomenting this daring outrage against social order and the authority of the laws:

It passed in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hartley have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day se'ennight.

A petition of a number of Germans, residing in the county of Augusta, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences to which they are subjected, from an entire ignorance of the English language, and praying that a certain portion of the laws of the United States may be printed in the German language. Also,

A memorial of Andrew Ramsay, of Monongalia county, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for his services, as an express rider, from Ohio county, in the said State, to the Falls of Ohio river, in Kentucky, by order of Brigadier General Irvine, in the year 1782.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of John Minor, of Grenville county, in the State of North Carolina, administrator of Reuben Minor, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, as a Sergeant in the South Carolina line, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A bill for the relief of John R. Livingston was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Moses Myers, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported on Tuesday last, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress: Whereupon,

The second amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House being again read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said address, by inserting, after the word "*insurrection*," in the first paragraph, the following clause: "*And we learn, with the greatest concern, that any misrepresentations whatever, of the Government and its proceedings, either by individuals or combinations of men, should have been made, and so far credited, as to foment the flagrant outrage which has been committed on the laws.*"

And, on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said address, as amended, being then read throughout at the Clerk's table,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the same, in the words following, to wit:

Sir: The House of Representatives, calling to mind the blessings enjoyed by the People of the United States, and especially the happiness of living under constitutions and laws which rest on their authority alone, could not learn, with other emotions than



those you have expressed, that any part of our fellow citizens should have shewn themselves capable of an insurrection. And we learn, with the greatest concern, that any misrepresentations whatever, of the Government and its proceedings, either by individuals or combinations of men, should have been made, and so far credited as to foment the flagrant outrage which has been committed on the laws. We feel, with you, the deepest regret at so painful an occurrence in the annals of our country. As men regardful of the tender interests of humanity, we look with grief at scenes which might have stained our land with civil blood. As lovers of public order, we lament that it has suffered so flagrant a violation: as zealous friends of republican Government, we deplore every occasion which, in the hands of its enemies, may be turned into a calumny against it.

This aspect of the crisis, however, is happily not the only one which it presents. There is another, which yields all the consolations which you have drawn from it. It has demonstrated to the candid world, as well as to the American People themselves, that the great body of them, every where, are equally attached to the luminous and vital principle of our constitution, which enjoins that the will of the majority shall prevail; that they understand the indissoluble union between true liberty and regular Government; that they feel their duties no less than they are watchful over their rights; that they will be as ready, at all times, to crush licentiousness, as they have been to defeat usurpation: in a word, that they are capable of carrying into execution that noble plan of self-government which they have chosen, as the guaranty of their own happiness, and the asylum for that of all, from every clime, who may wish to unite their destiny with ours.

These are the just inferences flowing from the promptitude with which the summons to the standard of the laws has been obeyed; and from the sentiments which have been witnessed, in every description of citizens, in every quarter of the Union. The spectacle, therefore, when viewed in its true light, may well be affirmed to display, in equal lustre, the virtues of the American character, and the value of republican Government. All must particularly acknowledge and applaud the patriotism of that portion of citizens who have freely sacrificed every thing less dear than the love of their country, to the meritorious task of defending its happiness.

In the part which you have yourself borne through this delicate and distressing period, we trace the additional proofs it has afforded of your solicitude for the public good. Your laudable and successful endeavors to render lenity in executing the laws conducive to their real energy, and to convert tumult into order, without the effusion of blood, form a particular title to the confidence and praise of your constituents. In all that may be found necessary, on our part, to complete this benevolent purpose, and to secure the ministers and friends of the laws against the remains of danger, our due co-operation will be afforded.

The other subjects which you have recommended, or communicated, and of which several are peculiarly interesting, will all receive the attention which they demand. We are deeply impressed with the importance of an effectual organization of the militia. We rejoice at the intelligence of the advance and success of the Army under the command of General Wayne, whether we regard it as a proof of the perseverance, prowess, and superiority, of our troops, or as a happy presage to our military operations against the hostile Indians, and as a probable prelude to the establishment of a lasting peace, upon terms of candor, equity, and good neighborhood. We receive it with the greater pleasure, as it increases the probability of sooner restoring a part of the public resources to the desirable object of reducing the public debt.

We shall, on this, as on all occasions, be disposed to adopt any measure which may advance the safety and prosperity of our country. In nothing can we more cordially unite with you, than in imploring the Supreme Ruler of Nations to multiply his blessings on these United States; to guard our free and happy constitution against every machination and danger; and to make it the best source of public happiness, by verifying its character of being the best safeguard of human rights.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Scott, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and providing for his compensation." The Senate have also appointed Mr. Ross, on their part, of the Committee for Enrolled Bills. And then he withdrew.



*Ordered*, That Mr. Peter Muhlenberg and Mr. New be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed for that purpose on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Samuel Emery and James Crawford, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the 1st of April to the 30th of June, 1794; also, his account of payments and receipts for the War Department, from the 1st of July to the 30th of September, 1794, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Denning and others, holders of bills of credit, emitted in pursuance of the resolution of the late Congress, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, which was made to this House on the sixteenth of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, who signified to them that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address at twelve o'clock, to-morrow, at his own house.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of George Blanchard, in behalf of Edward Blanchard, which was made to this House on the 14th of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time."

The House resumed the reading of the papers communicated by message from the President of the United States, on the twentieth instant, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Arthur St. Clair, Major General and Commander in Chief of the expedition carried on against the Western Indians, in the year 1791, requesting a speedy decision on the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the failure of the said expedition; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to authorize the President to call out and station a corps of militia in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, for a limited time."



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the act, entitled "An act concerning the registering and recording of ships or vessels."

Also, in the act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same."

Also, in the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law, on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Parker.

The Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; to which the President made the following reply:

*Gentlemen*: I anticipated, with confidence, the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the regret produced by the insurrection. Every effort ought to be used to discountenance what has contributed to foment it; and thus discourage a repetition of like attempts. For, notwithstanding the consolations which may be drawn from the issue of this event, it is far better that the artful approaches to such a situation of things should be checked by the vigilant and duly admonished patriotism of our fellow citizens, than that the evil should increase until it becomes necessary to crush it by the strength of their arm.

I am happy that the part which I have myself borne on this occasion receives the approbation of your House. For the discharge of a constitutional duty, it is a sufficient reward to me to be assured that you will unite in consummating what remains to be done.

I feel, also, great satisfaction in learning that the other subjects which I have communicated or recommended, will meet with due attention; that you are deeply impressed with the importance of an effectual organization of the Militia; and that the advance and success of the Army under the command of General Wayne is regarded by you, no less than myself, as a proof of the perseverance, prowess, and superiority, of our troops.

G. WASHINGTON.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, respecting the fortifications of the United States, made pursuant to the resolution of this House, of the 21st instant; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Malbone, and Mr. Macon, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.

A petition of Henry Roberts, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as an artificer in the third regiment of light dragoons, of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a memorial of Robert Harris, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments of a captain in the continental Army, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of James Rowland, executor of the last will and testament of William Rowland, deceased, praying compensation for the hire of two teams, the property of the deceased, employed in the service of the United States, under the direction of Francis Wade, Deputy Quartermaster General, for the State of Delaware, some time in the year, 1780.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions and memorial, together with the petition of Absalom Baird, and the memorial of Nathan Smith, which were presented to this House, at the last session, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of John R. Livingston; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion.



*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding in the said bill, and that it be committed to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants, living between the lines commonly called Walker's and Henderson's lines, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the line known by the name of Walker's line, may be established by Congress, as the boundary between the States of Virginia and North Carolina.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Preston, Mr. Winston, and Mr. Pickens; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to report what further provisions are necessary for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Moore, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Heister.

*Ordered*, That the petition of a number of Germans, residing in the county of Augusta, in the State of Virginia, which lay on the table, be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred that part of the speech of the President of the United States which relates to the improvement of harmony with the Indian Nations, within the limits of the United States, by fixing and conducting of trading houses, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Moses Myers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the territory of the United States, South of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating his intention of resigning his office on the last day of January next, and which he now communicates, in order that an opportunity may be given, previous to that event, to institute any further proceedings which may be contemplated, if any there be, in consequence of the inquiry during the last session, into the state of the Treasury Department; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Thomas Willock, of the borough of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of a penalty incurred in consequence of the illegal use of the register of the schooner Abby, the property of the petitioner, without his privity.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Grove; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Josiah Batchelder, surveyor of the port of Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees, and other emoluments allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.



*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Parker, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Sarah Thompson, of the State of Georgia, widow of William Thompson, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the pay, and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, as a Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of the United States, South of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further measures may be adopted for the effectual protection and preservation of the People of the said territory, against the hostile incursions of the Indian tribes, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last session, and to report therefrom, all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined; and, also, to examine and report such laws of the United States, as have expired, or will expire before the next session, made a further report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the territory of the United States, South of the river Ohio; and making provision for his compensation."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House resumed the reading of the papers communicated by the message from the President, on the twentieth ultimo, and went through the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

A memorial of Nathaniel Appleton, Commissioner of Loans for the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the expenses of office rent, firewood, and candles, in addition to the salary granted him by law; also, that he may receive compensation for the value of a building erected for an office, by the memorialist, which was consumed by fire, on the thirtieth day of July last.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Dexter, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Learned; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The petitions of Thomas Curtice, and of Joshua Whitney, by Timothy Winn, his attorney, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That provision be made by law, for compensating the sufferers by the depredations of the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania."

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 3d, 1794.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to you an official statement of the expenditure, to the thirtieth of September last, from the sums heretofore granted to defray the contingent expenses of Go-



vernment, by acts passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the ninth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to James White, the Delegate from the territory of the United States, South of the river Ohio, and making provision for his compensation."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of George Blanchard, in behalf of Edward Blanchard; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the accounting Officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard deceased, according to the course of Treasury settlement.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Ames, Mr. Wingate and Mr. Glen, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were referred the reports of the Secretary of War, of the seventeenth of March last, on sixty petitions: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Caleb Worley be placed on the list of pensioners, pursuant to the report of the Secretary of War.

*Resolved*, That Charles Fierer, from the peculiar circumstances attending his case, be also placed on the list of pensioners, and that he be allowed the half-pay of Captain.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions be committed to the Committee of Claims, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, pursuant thereto.

*Ordered*, That the reports of the Secretary of War on the several petitions of John Bennet, and Abraham Sutton, of John Lechman, and of Haffield White, which were made to this House, on the seventeenth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the memorial of Joseph Hull, which was made on the twenty-second of April last, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4.

A petition of Paul Schenck, of Poughkeepsie, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and supplies furnished to a detachment of Militia in the service of the United States, as a Commissary of Purchases and Issues, in the year 1777.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Beatty, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Peter Covenhoven; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for the



relief of sick and disabled seamen ; and that Mr. Venable, Mr. Wingate, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Carnes, be the said committee.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be given to Major General Wayne, for the good conduct and bravery displayed by him in the action of the twentieth of August last, with the Indians:"

The previous question was called for by five members, to wit : " Shall the main question to agree to the said resolution be now put ?"

And on the previous question, " Shall the said main question be now put ?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .....52,  
Nays .....36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
James Armstrong,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
William J. Dawson,  
Henry Dearborn,  
Gabriel Duvall,  
William Findley,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
James Gillespie,  
Henry Glen,  
James Gordon,  
Christopher Greenup,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William Barry Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Daniel Heister,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,

John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Latimer,  
Amasa Learned,  
William Lyman,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Montgomery,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
William Vans Murray,  
Joseph Neville,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Robert Rutherford,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
William Smith,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
John Watts,  
Paine Wingate,  
Richard Winn, and  
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
John Beatty,  
Thomas Blount,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
Joshua Coit,  
Isaac Coles,  
George Dent,  
Samuel Dexter,  
William B. Giles,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
James Hillhouse,  
John Hunter,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Matthew Locke,  
Nathaniel Macon,

James Madison,  
Joseph M'Dowell,  
Alexander Mebane,  
Andrew Moore,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
Josiah Parker,  
Francis Preston,  
John S. Sherburne,  
John Smilie,  
Israel Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker, and  
Artemas Ward.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said resolution, it was resolved unanimously.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of this House be given to the brave officers



and soldiers of the legion under the orders of Major General Wayne, for their patience, fortitude, and bravery.

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the thanks of this House be given to Major General Scott, and to the gallant mounted volunteers from the State of Kentucky, who have served their country in the field, during the late campaign, under the orders of Major General Wayne, for their zeal, bravery, and good conduct.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to transmit the foregoing resolutions; and that Mr. William Smith and Mr. Murray be appointed a committee to wait on the President therewith.

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the thanks of this House be given to the gallant officers and privates of the militia of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, who, on the late call of the President, rallied round the standard of the laws, and, in the prompt and severe services which they encountered, bore the most illustrious testimony to the value of the Constitution, and the blessings of internal peace and order: and that the President be requested to communicate the above vote of thanks in such manner as he may judge most acceptable to the patriotic citizens who are its objects.

*Ordered,* That Mr. William Smith and Mr. Murray be appointed a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War respecting the fortifications of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

*Ordered,* That the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, and of the Trustees of the University of North Carolina, which was made to this House on the 19th of February last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Peter Covenhoven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the estimates of appropriation, for the service of the year 1795; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said estimates under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved,* That, for the expenditure of the civil list of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, together with the incidental and contingent expenses of the several departments and offices thereof, there be appropriated the several sums of money following, to wit:

For compensation to the President of the United States,	-	\$25,000 00	
To the Vice President,	-	5,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$30,000 00



## THE LEGISLATURE.

For compensations to the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, their Officers and Clerks, and for the contingent expenses of both Houses, estimating the attendance of the whole number for six months :

Speaker of the House of Representatives, at 12 dollars per day,	\$2,190 00	
One hundred and thirty-four members, at 6 dollars per day,	146,730 00	
Travelling expenses to and from the Seat of Government,	25,000 00	
Secretary of the Senate, one year's salary,	1,500 00	
Additional allowance estimated for six months, at 2 dollars per day,	365 00	
	<hr/>	1,865 00
Principal Clerk to the Secretary of the Senate for 365 days, at 3 dollars per day,	1,095 00	
Two Engrossing Clerks, at 2 dollars per day, each, for 365 days,	1,460 00	
Chaplain to the Senate, estimated for six months, at 500 dollars per annum,	250 00	
Doorkeeper to the Senate, one year's salary,	500 00	
Assistant Doorkeeper do.	450 00	
Clerk to the House of Representatives, one year's salary,	1,500 00	
Additional allowance, estimated for 6 months, at 2 dollars per day,	365 00	
	<hr/>	1,865 00
Principal Clerk in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for 365 days, at 3 dollars per day,	1,095 00	
Two Engrossing Clerks, at 2 dolls. per day, each, for 365 days	1,460 00	
Chaplain to the House of Representatives, estimated for six months, at 500 dollars per annum,	250 00	
Serjeant-at-Arms, for the same time, at 4 dollars per day,	730 00	
Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives, one year's salary,	500 00	
Assistant Doorkeeper do.	450 00	
Expenses of firewood, stationery, printing work, and all other contingent expenses of the two Houses of Congress :		
For the Senate, estimated at	3,000 00	
For the House of Representatives, estimated at	6,500 00	
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		195,390 00

## THE JUDICIARY.

Compensation to the Chief Justice,	4,000 00
Do. to five Associate Judges, at 3,500 dollars each,	17,500 00
Do. to the District Judge of Maine,	1,000 00
Do. do. of New Hampshire,	1,000 00
Do. do. of Vermont,	800 00
Do. do. of Massachusetts,	1,200 00
Do. do. of Rhode Island,	800 00
Do. do. of Connecticut,	1,000 00
Do. do. of New York,	1,500 00
Do. do. of New Jersey,	1,000 00
Do. do. of Pennsylvania,	1,600 00
Do. do. of Delaware,	800 00
Do. do. of Maryland,	1,500 00
Do. do. of Virginia,	1,800 00
Do. do. of Kentucky,	1,000 00
Do. do. of North Carolina,	1,500 00
Do. do. of South Carolina,	1,800 00
Do. do. of Georgia,	1,500 00
Do. to the Attorney General,	1,900 00



Expenses of Clerks of Courts, Jurors, Witnesses, and other charges, of holding Judicial Courts of the United States, in addition to the fund arising from fines, forfeitures, and penalties, which has hitherto proved insufficient, -	\$12,000 00	
For the expenses towards the safe keeping and prosecution of persons committed for offences against the United States, -	4,000 00	
		<u>59,200 00</u>

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Compensation to the Secretary of the Treasury, -	3,500 00	
Two Principal clerk, at 800 dollars each, -	1,600 00	
Five clerks, at \$500 each, -	2,500 00	
Messenger and office keeper, -	250 00	
		<u>7,850 00</u>
Compensation to the Comptroller of the Treasury, -	2,650 00	
Principal Clerk, -	800 00	
Thirteen Clerks at 500 dollars each, -	6,500 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, -	250 00	
		<u>10,200 00</u>
Compensation to the Auditor of the Treasury, -	2,400 00	
Principal Clerk, -	800 00	
Sixteen Clerks, at 500 dollars each, -	8,000 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, -	250 00	
		<u>11,450 00</u>
Compensation to the Treasurer of the United States, -	2,400 00	
Principal Clerk, -	600 00	
Two Clerks, at 500 dollars each, -	1,000 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, -	100 00	
Contingent expenses for office rent, fuel, stationery, printing bills of exchange, additional clerk hire in assisting to copy accounts current, and to make up deficiency in last year's appropriation, -	600 00	
		<u>4,700 00</u>
Compensation to the Commissioner of the Revenue, -	2,400 00	
One principal and six other Clerks on the business of the revenue, military, naval, and Indian contracts, light-houses, and general returns and statements, -	3,500 00	
Messenger and Office Keeper, -	250 00	
		<u>6,150 00</u>
Compensation to the Register of the Treasury, -	2,000 00	
To 26 Clerks on the several branches of the public records, at 500 dollars each, viz :		
One Principal and two Assistant Clerks on the books in relation to the impost, tonnage, and revenue, arising from duties on distilled spirits and other articles, -	1,500 00	
One Principal and one Assistant Clerk on the books of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, -	1,000 00	
One Principal and two Assistant Clerks on the books in relation to the loans under the act making provision for the public debt which exhibit the accounts of the Treasury, and the Loan Offices in the several States, with the general accounts of interest arising thereon, -	1,500 00	



One Clerk on the unclaimed dividends at the several Loan Offices, which are payable at the Treasury, - - -	500 00	
One Principal and eight Assistant Clerks on the six several sets of books of funded stock, at the Treasury, for the issuing of certificates of transfer, and forming the quarterly dividends, - - -	4,500 00	
Three Clerks on the records and duties assigned by the acts for registering, enrolling, and licensing ships or vessels, -	1,500 00	
Four Clerks on the books of the late Government, comprehending the registered debt, and payment of its interest, - -	2,000 00	
One transcribing Clerk, - - -	500 00	
Two Office Keepers for the several Offices of Record, who are also employed as messengers, at 250 dollars each, - - -	500 00	
	<hr/>	15,500 00
Expense of stationery, printing, and all other contingent expenses of the several offices of the Treasury, (the Treasurer's excepted:)		
Secretary of the Treasury, - - -	500 00	
Comptroller of the Treasury, - - -	800 00	
Auditor of the Treasury, - - -	500 00	
Commissioner of the Revenue, - - -	400 00	
Register of the Treasury, (including books for the public stock, printing work, and books for the arrangement of the marine papers,) - - -	2,400 00	
Rent of the Treasury, - - -	1,000 00	
Do. of a house for part of the Register's Office, - - -	240 00	
Do. of a house for the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, and for part of the office of the Comptroller, and part of the office of the Auditor, - - -	266 68	
Rent of a house for the Auditor, and a small store for public papers, - - -	440 00	
Wood for the Department, (Treasurer's excepted,) and other contingencies, - -	1,500 00	
And for the expense incident to the stating and printing the public accounts for 1795, - - -	800 00	
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		64,696 68

*Compensation to the several Loan Officers, viz:*

For the State of New Hampshire - -	650 00	
Massachusetts - -	1,500 00	
Rhode Island - -	600 00	
Connecticut - -	1,000 00	
New York - -	1,500 00	
New Jersey - -	700 00	
Pennsylvania - -	1,500 00	
Delaware - -	600 00	
Maryland - -	1,000 00	
Virginia - -	1,500 00	
North Carolina - -	1,000 00	
South Carolina - -	1,000 00	
Georgia - -	700 00	
	<hr/>	13,250 00



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Compensation to the Secretary of State,	-	\$3,500 00
To the Chief Clerk,	-	800 00
To one Clerk,	-	700 00
To five Clerks, at 500 dollars each,	-	2,500 00
To Office Keeper and Messenger,	-	250 00
		<hr/> 7,750 00

*Incidental and Contingent Expenses.*

Stationery of all kinds	-	240 00
Firewood	-	200 00
Office-rent	-	533 33
Newspapers from the different States, about twenty, at four dollars each	-	80 00
Gazettes from, and Gazettes sent to American Ministers abroad	-	80 00
Laws of the Second Session of Third Congress, to be published in five newspapers, at about 100 dollars each	-	500 00
For printing an edition of the same, to be distributed according to law	-	800 00
For printing sea-letters, safe-conducts, and all other printing for the Department	-	200 00
For binding	-	50 00
For an index to the laws of the Third Congress	-	200 00
For translating foreign languages	-	250 00
For an additional Clerk from 3d day of June to 31st day of December, 1794, inclusive	-	288 46
For extra Clerk hire in bringing up the records, and for which no appropriation has hitherto been made	-	250 00
For extra Clerk hire during the year 1795	-	250 00
For an assistant to the Messenger	-	50 00
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## MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Compensation to the Director	-	2,000 00
To the Treasurer,	-	1,200 00
To the Assayer,	-	1,500 00
To the Chief Coiner,	-	1,500 00
To the Engraver,	-	1,200 00
To Four Clerks, at 500 dollars each,	-	2,000 00
		<hr/> 9,400 00

*Wages of Laborers.*

The Director estimates 100 dollars per week to pay the laborers employed in all the different branches of refinery, melting, and coining (which includes all the workmen employed in the mint, except the mechanics)	-	5,200 00
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*Incidental and Contingent Expenses and Repairs.*

To pay mechanics employed in making and repairing machinery, &c. for the Mint, about 50 dollars per week	-	2,600 00
For a new coining press, to weigh about sixty hundred weight	-	200 00
For ironmongery	-	450 00
For lead, coals, wood, and a variety of other articles of consumption necessary for the establishment	-	3,200 00
For stationery, office-furniture, &c. for the different offices of the Mint	-	250 00



For the purchase of one, and for the keeping of four horses - - - - -	\$500 00	
For the purchase of a house and lot - - - - -	1,200 00	
For the purchase of lumber, bricks, and other materials for buildings to be erected, and other necessary improvements to be made, including carpenter and mason work, cart- age and laborers - - - - -	700 00	
For 600 gallons of rum, at 100 cents - - - - -	600 00	
For two Watchmen - - - - -	300 00	
	<hr/>	15,200 00
		<hr/> 24,600 00

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

Compensation to the Secretary of War - - - - -	3,000 00
One principal Clerk - - - - -	300 00
Nine Clerks, at 500 dollars each - - - - -	4,500 00
One messenger and office-keeper - - - - -	250 00

*Contingencies of the War-office.*

Expenses for stationery, wood, &c. - - - - -	800 00
Ditto. for rent - - - - -	333 33
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Compensation to the Accountant - - - - -	1,200 00
Seven Clerks, at 500 dollars each - - - - -	3,500 00
Contingencies - - - - -	400 00
The Accountant being informed that the marine accounts are to pass his office, estimates therefore three Clerks, at 500 dolls. each - - - - -	1,500 00
Contingencies - - - - -	200 00
Office-keeper and messenger - - - - -	250 00
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## GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN TERRITORY.

*District Northwest of the River Ohio.*

Governor, for his salary as such, and for discharging the du- ties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Northern De- partment, - - - - -	2,000 00
The Secretary of the said District, - - - - -	750 00
Three Judges, at \$800 each - - - - -	2,400 00
Stationery, office rent, &c. - - - - -	350 00
	<hr/> 5,500 00

*District South of the Ohio.*

Governor, for his salary as such, and for discharg- ing the duties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Southern Department, - - - - -	2,000 00
The Secretary of said district, - - - - -	750 00
Three Judges, at \$800 each - - - - -	2,400 00
Stationery, office rent, &c. - - - - -	350 00
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## PENSIONS GRANTED BY THE LATE GOVERNMENT.

Isaac Van Voert, } Each a pension of \$200 per annum, pur- John Paulding, } suant to an act of Congress of 23d David Williams, } November, 1780, - - - - -	600 00
Dominique L'Eglise, per act of Congress of 8th Aug. 1782, - - - - -	120 00
Joseph Traverse, per do - - - - -	120 00
Youngest children of the late Major General Warren, per act of the 1st July, 1780, - - - - -	450 00

Samuel McKenzie,	} Per act of 10th September, 1783, en- titled to a pension of \$40 each per annum,	\$120 00	
Joseph Brussels,			
John Jordon,			
Eliz. Bergen, per act of 21st August, 1781	-	53 33	
Joseph De Beauleau, per act of 5th August, 1782	-	100 00	
Richard Gridley, per acts of 17th November, 1775, and 26th February, 1781	-	444 40	
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Annual allowance to Baron Steuben, per act of Congress of June 4th, 1790	-	2,500 00	
Annual allowance to the widow and orphan children of Colonel John Harding, per act of 27th February, 1793,	-	450 00	
Annual allowance to the orphan children of Major Alexander Truman, by the act of 27th February, 1793,	-	300 00	
Annual allowance for the education of Hugh Mercer, son of the late Major General Mercer, per act of Congress of 2d March, 1793	-	400 00	
			3,650 00
For the discharge of such demands against the United States, on account of the Civil Department not otherwise provided for, as shall have been ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement at the Treasury, and which are of a nature, according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie	-		3,000 00
Total of the civil list	-		\$435,249 53

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, and Mr. Griffin, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes, be discharged for the farther consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Giles, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Heister, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Van Cortlandt.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Egron, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the third instant, "that provision be made, by law, for compensating the sufferers by the depredations of the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding on the said motion, and that so much of the speech of the President of the United States as relates to the subject-matter thereof, be committed to Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Findley, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Watts, and Mr. William Smith.

*Ordered*, That the petition of George Calmese, which was presented to this House on the thirtieth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred that part of the speech of the President, which relates to the improvement of harmony with the Indian nations, within the limits of the United States, by fixing and conducting of trading houses; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That — dollars be appropriated for the purpose of carrying on trade with the Indian nations.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that



Mr. Parker, Mr. Blount, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Findley, and Mr. Greenup, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Peter Covenhoven was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Peter Covenhoven."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Learned, of the county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that the sum of four hundred and forty one dollars and two-thirds of a dollar, in the bills of credit emitted by Congress in the years 1775 and 1776, which the petitioner received in lieu of gold and silver, may be made good to him, at its nominal value. Also,

A petition of Edward Goddard, praying compensation for military services rendered the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Boyd, praying relief in consideration of a wound received while a private of militia in the service of the United States, under the command of Brigadier General Harmar, in the year 1790, on an expedition against the Indians.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to examine and report what proceedings have been had under the act of Congress, entitled "An act for making farther and more effectual provision for the protection of the Frontiers of the United States," passed the 5th of March, 1792; also, to report whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to the several laws respecting the military establishment, and the protection of the frontiers of the United States.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Smilie.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization," and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Dexter, and Mr. Carnes, be the said committee.

Mr. Preston, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants living between the lines commonly called Walker's and Henderson's lines, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a law should pass, establishing Walker's line as the Southern boundary between the State of Virginia and the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, reserving to the said inhabitants their claims to lands lying between the said lines, according to the laws of the State under which they claim.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Preston, Mr. Winston, and Mr. Pickens, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War respecting the fortifications of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause the proper officer to lay before this House a copy of the instructions given to the superintendents and engineers for erecting the fortifications for the defence of the sea ports of the United States, and of their reports thereupon; and, also, to inform the House, in what instances cessions have been made by the respective States, of the lands on which fortifications are to be erected.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parker and Mr. Clairbone be appointed a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Venable, be the said committee.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to authorize the President of the United States to receive on loan, a sum not exceeding two million of dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. payable at the pleasure of the United States; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Coles, be the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to examine and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session: The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend and explain the twenty second section of the act 'establishing the Judicial Courts of the United States,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of making any further provision in the laws of the United States, relative to the cession of the jurisdiction by particular States, in lands, where are established, or may, by law, be directed to be built and established, light-houses, buoys, and public piers:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Coit, Mr. Tredwell, and Mr. Lee.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

A petition of John Nixon, of Sudbury, in the State of Massachusetts, late a Brigadier General in the service of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Bunker's Hill, in the year 1775.

Also, a petition of Ebenezer Kent, of the County of Middlesex, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments of an Ensign in the service of the United States, during the late war, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom were referred the several petitions of Ebenezer Foster, Thomas Frothingham, Sarah Parker, and William Story, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the letter from the Director of the Mint, communicated by a message from the President of the United States, of the twentieth ultimo, be referred to Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Hunter, with instruction to examine and report on the state of the Mint, and what further measures may be necessary to render the institution more beneficial.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a loan of two million of dollars; which was received, and read the first time.



On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend and explain the twenty-second section of the act 'establishing the judicial courts of the United States;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Stephen Sayre, which was made to this House on the fifth of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee on the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of January last, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and of the trustees of the University of North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing a loan of two million of dollars was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing a loan of two million of dollars."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John White, junior, of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, administrator of the estate of Jacob White, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the services of himself, and of the deceased, on board the frigate Trumbull, in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the report of the committee on the petition of Thomas Miller, which was made to this House on the fourth day of April last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of William Rotch and Sons, of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of the duties imposed on foreign vessels, to which they will be subjected, in the case of the ships Maria and Diana, the property of the petitioners, which, being absent from the United States, were not registered within the time prescribed by law. Also,

A petition of Epaphras Jones, of the City of New-York, in behalf of himself, Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden, of the said City, merchants, and owners of the brigantine called the Peru, of New York, praying that the Collector of the port of New York may be authorized to receive the oaths of the said Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden, to the register of the said brigantine, they

having been prevented from taking the same within the time prescribed by law, by absence from the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Gilman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That provision be made for effecting the transfer of so much of the stock standing to the credit of any State, pursuant to the report of the Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and individual States, to creditors of such State, as may be necessary to satisfy their respective demands, with the consent of the said State and its creditors:"

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the petition of William Dewees, which was made on the eleventh of February last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the reports of the Secretary of War, of the twenty-fifth of April, and of the twenty-second and twenty-ninth of May last, accompanying statements in the cases of claimants to be placed on the pension list of the United States, returned by the Judges of the Circuit Courts, and the Judge of the District of Maine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, of the eighth instant, for the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses, to examine and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth disagree to the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

A memorial of William Gardner, Commissioner of Loans for the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William B. Gould, legal representative of David Gould, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and moneys advanced by the deceased, as Surgeon and Paymaster to the second Virginia regiment of the Continental Army, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend and explain the twenty-second section of the act establishing the judicial courts of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 11th, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to you, for consideration, a representation made to me by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of constituting an officer to be specially charged with the business of procuring certain public supplies.

G. WASHINGTON.



The said message and representation were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, respecting the difficulties and inconveniences which have occurred in the execution of the act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-fifth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the better organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the United States.

Mr. Preston, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for determining the Northern boundary of the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hillhouse, from the committee to whom was referred that part of the speech of the President of the United States which relates to the policy of indemnifying the sufferers by the depredations of the insurgents in the Western Counties of Pennsylvania, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

An engrossed bill to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of George Gibbs, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the drawback of the duties on a quantity of wines exported to Calcutta, in the East Indies, in December, 1790, and of which, owing to unavoidable circumstances, he has not been able to produce the certificates required by law to cancel the bond given on the exportation of the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend and explain the twenty-second section of the act establishing the Judicial Courts of the United States."

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the memorial of Tobias Rudolph, representative of John Rudolph, deceased, which was made to this House on the 23d day of April last : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be authorized to accept the vouchers produced in support of the claim of John Rudolph, deceased, late a Major in Lieutenant Colonel's Lee's legion of the Continental Army, and to pay the amount of the said claim to Tobias Rudolph, as the legal representative of the deceased.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Christie, Mr. Sherburne, and Mr. Bailey, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report what progress has been made in the settlement of the accounts of the former Government ; what are the unpaid balances on the settled accounts, together with the measures taken for recovering payment of the same; whether any, and what, steps have been taken to compel persons to whom public money was entrusted, to settle their accounts ; and whether any further measures are necessary on that subject :

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Heath, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Findley, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Harrison.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to regulate the pay and allowances to the commissioned officers of the Militia of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to amend and explain the twenty-second section of the act establishing the Judicial Courts of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the 10th instant, making provision for effecting the transfer of so much of the stock standing to the credit of any State, to creditors of such State, as may be necessary to satisfy their respective demands ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said motion was again read at the Clerk's table, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved*, That provision be made for effecting the transfer of so much of the stock standing to the credit of any State, pursuant to the report of the Commissioners for settling accounts between the United States and individual States, to creditors of such State, as may be necessary to satisfy their respective demands, with the consent of the said State, and its creditors.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Van Gaasbeck, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Two other members, to wit : from Virginia, John Page ; and from North Carolina, Benjamin Williams; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of Henry Meyer, of the city of Philadelphia, administrator of Joackim Jacob Brandt, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pension due for the services of the deceased, as a private in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Story, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as a Clerk to the Navy Board, in the Eastern Department, from September 1777, to September 1782.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Daniel Byrnes, which



was presented to this House on the 31st day of December, 1793, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Mary S. Jones, of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, widow, and administratrix of William Jones, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain Loan Office certificates, the property of the deceased, which were consumed by fire, or otherwise destroyed, some time in the year 1782.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hartley; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the respective Heads of Departments be discharged from further considering all such petitions referred to them, concerning claims of individuals, as they cannot speedily report upon.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed to examine and report what proceedings have been had under the act "For making farther and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States," and to report whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to the several laws respecting the military establishment, and the protection of the frontiers of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Dewees ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to no resolution thereupon.

*Resolved*, That the petition of the said William Dewees be rejected.

Mr. Christie, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the benefit of Tobias Rudolph, representative of Major John Rudolph, deceased; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the 12th instant, "that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to regulate the pay and allowances to the commissioned officers of the Militia of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

On the question, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said motion.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 50,  
Nays ..... 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher, Ames,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
John Beatty,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Gabriel Christie,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Henry Dearborn,  
George Dent,  
Samuel Dexter,  
Gabriel Duvall,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Nicholas Gilman,

Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Heath,  
James Hillhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Hunter,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Francis Malbone,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
William Vans Murray,  
Joseph Neville,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
Andrew Pickens,

Francis Preston,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John S. Sherburne,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,

Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
John Watts, and  
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Armstrong,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
William J. Dawson,  
William Findley,  
James Gillespie,  
Christopher Greenup,  
William Barry Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
Matthew Locke,  
Joseph McDowell,  
Alexander Mebane,  
William Montgomery,

Andrew Moore,  
Anthony New,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
John Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Robert Rutherford,  
Israel Smith,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker,  
Benjamin Williams,  
Paine Wingate, and  
Joseph Winston.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the estimates of appropriation for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said estimates under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That there be appropriated for the pay, subsistence, forage, and other expenses attending the Militia in their late expedition to the Western counties of Pennsylvania, a sum not exceeding ——— dollars.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, and Mr. Griffin, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, or what, alterations ought to be made to the act, passed the 7th day of June, 1794, entitled "An act concerning invalids."

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Greenup, and Mr. Gillespie.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire how far the Post Office law has been carried into execution, and to report thereon; and that Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Grove, and Mr. Winn, be the said committee.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the redemption of the public debt, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Stephen Sayre; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

A petition of sundry soldiers of the late Army of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the locations which they have made of the respective proportions of lands due for their military services during the late war, in the second range of townships, on the river Ohio, together with the improvements thereon, may be confirmed to them, and grants issued for the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Hartley, Mr. Page, and Mr. Winston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Isaac Taylor and John Harvey, of the town of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of rum, sugar, and coffee, the property of the petitioners, which were consumed by fire, together with the storehouses in which they were deposited, in the months of October and November last.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Parker, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Orr; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Jacob Beltzhuwer was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a private and wagoner in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the benefit of Tobias Rudolph, representative of Major John Rudolph, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill, and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 16th, 1794.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to Congress the copy of a letter from the Secretary of State, with his account, as adjusted with the Treasury Department, of the expenditure of moneys appropriated for our intercourse with foreign nations, up to the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause a report to be laid before this House of the measures that have been adopted, pursuant to the act of the twenty-seventh of March last, for building ships; of the progress hitherto made; the compensations allowed to persons employed in the different branches of the business; together with an estimate of the expense for completing the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Gilman and Mr. Preston be appointed a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the expenses of the Militia lately called into the service of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan of two million of dollars." And then he withdrew.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the committee on the report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Stephen Sayre, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The first resolution reported by the committee, in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be directed to audit and settle the account of Stephen Sayre, as Secretary to the Legation of the American Commission at Berlin; and that they allow him seven months' pay, at the rate of one thousand pounds sterling per annum, with interest thereon till paid;" was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The second resolution reported by the committee, in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved*, That Stephen Sayre, late Secretary to Arthur Lee, one of the Commissioners from the United States at Berlin, be allowed the sum of ——— dollars, for extra services rendered the United States subsequent to the departure of Arthur Lee from the Court of Berlin;" was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the said Stephen Sayre have leave to withdraw his petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred that part of the speech of the President of the United States which relates to the policy of indemnifying the sufferers by the depredations of the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Taylor and John Harvey, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

A petition of George Crookshank, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the use and value of a batteau, the property of the petitioner, which was taken into the service of the United States, by order of General Greene, some time in the year 1776.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 17th, 1794.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives*:

I lay before Congress copies of the Journal of the proceedings of the Executive Department of the Government of the United States South of the River Ohio, to the first of September, 1794.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills; one entitled "An act to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased;" and another entitled "An act authorizing a loan of two million of dollars;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee on the petition of Isaac Taylor and John Harvey; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,



*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the establishment of Clerks in the several Departments, and to report a plan for ascertaining the number necessary to be permanently employed in each, and their compensations.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Watts, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. New, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed to consider and report on the expediency of making any farther alterations in the laws of the United States, relative to the cession of the jurisdiction, by particular States, in lands, where are established, or may, by law, be directed to be built and established, light-houses, buoys, and public piers, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act authorizing a loan of two million of dollars;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased."

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred that part of the speech of the President of the United States which relates to the policy of indemnifying the sufferers by the depredations of the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and made some progress therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying certain despatches from Major General Wayne, dated the seventeenth of October and twelfth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

A petition of Joseph Shorb, son and administrator of Andreas Shoeb, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for military services rendered by the deceased in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petition of John Rowland, which was presented to this House on the second day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to authorize the officers of the Treasury to audit and pass the account of the late Edward Blanchard, deceased;" and another entitled "An act authorizing a loan of two million of dollars."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Epaphras Jones, in behalf of himself, Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the Militia lately called into the service of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendment, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Another member, to wit, William Irvine, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the expenses of the militia lately called into the service of the United States was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill: Whereupon,

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported on Wednesday last, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred that part of the speech of the President of the United States which relates to the policy of indemnifying the sufferers by the depredations of the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania: Whereupon,

*"Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause an ascertainment to be made of the losses sustained by the officers of Government and other citizens in their property, (in consequence of their exertions in support of the laws,) by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania."*

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 52.  
{ Nays ..... 31.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Hillhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Henry Latimer,  
Amasa Learned,  
William Lyman,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Montgomery,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
John Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
William Smith,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
John Watts,  
Benjamin Williams, and  
Richard Winn.



Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theolorus Bailey,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Joshua Coit,  
George Dent,  
William B. Giles,  
James Gillespie,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
John Hunter,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Matthew Locke,  
James Madison,  
Joseph M'Dowell,

Alexander Mebane,  
Andrew Moore,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Robert Rutherford,  
John S. Sherburne,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
Israel Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker,  
Paine Wingate, and  
Joseph Winston.

The said resolution was then amended at the Clerk's table.

And the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said resolution, amended to read as followeth :

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause an ascertainment to be made of the losses sustained by the officers of Government, and other citizens, by the actual destruction of their property (in consequence of their exertions in support of the laws) by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania; together with a report of the particular condition of the respective sufferers, in relation to their ability to prosecute their several claims, and recover, at law, satisfaction from the insurgent aggressors."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution being amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to draw out of the Treasury of the United States, the sum of ——— dollars, to be applied by him to aid such of the said sufferers as, in his opinion, stand in need of immediate assistance, to be accounted for by them in such manner as may hereafter be directed by law."

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Findley, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Watts, and Mr. William Smith, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Benjamin Bourne, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying certain communications from the Governor of the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio; which were partly read.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.

A petition of Oliver Barnett, of the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of hides, which he received in lieu of shoes furnished the Virginia line, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and were taken out of a store-house, in which they were deposited, by a detachment of the British army. Also,

A petition of Walter Cruise, of the City of Philadelphia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for military services rendered, and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Gilbert Dean, of Orange county, in the State of New York, praying compensation for his services, while employed by order of the Commander in Chief of the American Army, to gain intelligence from the enemy, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the memorial of Andrew Ramsay, which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee appointed to consider and report on the expediency of making any further alterations in the laws of the United States, relative to the cession of the jurisdiction, by particular States, in lands, where are established, or may, by law, be directed to be built and established, lighthouses, buoys, and public piers, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report the means of providing for the payment of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, and for the payment of any instalments which may fall due on foreign loans, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Irvine, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom were committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report on the policy of remitting the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, in cases where such goods, wares, or merchandise, shall be destroyed by fire, or other accident.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Venable, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Claiborne.

Mr. Dent, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Mary S. Jones, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of Public Supplies;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill: Whereupon,

The first, second, and third amendments were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the other amendments proposed to the said bill, be committed to Mr. Blount, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Jeremiah Smith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of Public Supplies," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

An engrossed bill authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States."



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of the Inspectors of the Customs, for the district of New London, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of David Scott, of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain loan-office certificate, the property of the petitioner, which was consumed by fire, or otherwise destroyed, in the month of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five. Also,

A petition of James M'Callmont, praying compensation for his services as a Surgeon in the Army and Navy of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Duvall have leave to be absent from the service of this House until this day fortnight.

Mr. Greenup, from the committee appointed to inquire if any, or what, alterations ought to be made to the act, passed the seventh day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act concerning invalids," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Epaphras Jones, in behalf of himself, Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said report, and that it be recommitted to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Gilman.

Mr. Moore, from the committee appointed to report what further provisions are necessary for the more general promulgation of the laws, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and for the expenses of the militia lately called into the service of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes :". Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the amendments proposed to the fourth section of the said bill.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the amendment proposed to be added to the end of the said bill, with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee appointed to inquire how far the post office law has been carried into effect, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 24.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and for the expenses of the militia lately called into the service of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for determining the Northern boundary of the Territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question, that this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed to inquire and report the means of providing for the payment of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, and for the payment of any instalments which may fall due on foreign loans in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Friday next.

And then the House adjourned until Friday morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Two other members, to wit: from Connecticut, Jeremiah Wadsworth; and from Maryland, Samuel Smith; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A petition of William Strachan and others, inspectors of the customs for the district of New York, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Lydia Cogswell, late widow of Samuel Wallingford, deceased, by Amos Cogswell, her attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the seven years' half-pay and other emoluments, due for the services of the deceased, as a Lieutenant of marines on board the ship Ranger, in the service of the United States, during the late war, to which she conceives herself justly entitled by resolutions of the late Congress. Also,

A petition of John Holt, of Richmond county, in the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed the arrearages of pay due to him for his services as a private in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Thomas Roche, of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay, and other emoluments, due for his services as a private in Colonel John Crane's regiment of the Continental Army, during the late war, which he conceives has been unjustly detained from him by the paymaster of the said regiment.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Dunkin M'Kinley, which was presented to this House on the twenty-fourth day of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.



A petition of William and Archibald M'Neil, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, rope-makers, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of hemp and yarns imported in the brig Betsey, in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, which was consumed by fire, together with other property of the petitioners, on the thirtieth day of July last.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Venable, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Claiborne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Hillhouse, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the ascertainment of certain losses of the officers of Government and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, appointed to inquire and report the means of providing for the payment of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, and for the payment of any instalments which may fall due on foreign loans in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That provision be made, by law, for the payment of any instalments of foreign loans, which may fall due in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and for the payment of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, out of the proceeds of any foreign loans heretofore made.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Irvine, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Covenhoven:" The Senate have disagreed to the amendment of this House, to the amendment proposed by the Senate to be added to the end of the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes," and do insist on their amendment to the said bill: They desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendment, and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the said message as desires a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the said bill. Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said conference, and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. Dayton, be appointed managers at the same on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

A memorial of Josiah Flagg, of the State of Rhode Island, late a Lieutenant Colonel in a Brigade of Artillery in the service of the United States, in behalf of himself and the officers and soldiers of the said brigade, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due to them for military services rendered during the late war. Also,

A petition of Mary Potens, of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, widow and relict of Matthew Potens, deceased, praying that she may receive the allowance of one year's pay, due to the deceased, as a deranged officer in the regiment commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort, of the New York line, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition, together with the petition of Manus Kean, in behalf of himself and others, late soldiers in the Pennsylvania line, which was presented to this House on the eleventh day of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Nehemiah Somes, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of salt, which he imported in the ship George, from Lymington, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, and was consumed, together with the store-houses in which it was deposited, by a late fire in the said town.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Venable, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Claiborne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of tobacco in the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision of the excise laws of the United States, and that so much of the act, passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," as imposes a duty on manufactured tobacco, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and accompanied with an explanatory letter to him from the Comptroller of the Treasury; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Covenhoven," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision in cases of drawbacks; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the better organizing, arming, and disciplining, the militia of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

Mr. Madison, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States when called into actual service, and for other purposes," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb re-



ported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States when called into actual service, and for other purposes;" and do agree to the said amendment, with an amendment and modification of the same, agreeably to the report of the Joint Committee of Conference. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, respecting the frigates authorized by the act "to provide a Naval armament," made pursuant to the order of the President of the United States, conformably to the resolution of the sixteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Blount, from the committee to whom were committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five," made a report: Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

An engrossed bill providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States, was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of James Davis, of the town of Carlisle, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of forage, and other supplies furnished the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Robert Crabb, of Amelia township, in the State of South Carolina, praying that he may be permitted to fund a certificate, for a certain sum of money, which he deposited in the Treasury of the State of Georgia, in the month of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and which, from unavoidable circumstances, has not been funded within the time prescribed by law.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered,* That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Walter Cruise, be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 30th, 1794.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I lay before you a report made to me by the Secretary of War, respecting the frontiers of the United States. The disorders, and the great expenses which incessant

ly arise upon the frontiers, are of a nature and magnitude to excite the most serious considerations.

I feel a confidence that Congress will devise such constitutional and efficient measures, as shall be equal to the great objects of preserving our treaties with the Indian tribes, and of affording an adequate protection to our frontiers.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and report were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment and modification proposed by the Senate to the amendment of this House, in lieu of their amendment, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes." Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendment and modification.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five;" and another entitled "An act authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Another member, to wit: Lemuel Benton, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying the several petitions of Theodore Andruss, Jonathan Ayres, Joseph Barnard, Sarah Beacham, Francis Galvan de Bernoux, Everardus Bogardus, Charles Bowman, Thomas Boyd, Gideon Brownson, Samuel Carey, Thomas Jenners Carnes, Patrick Carryl, Jonathan Cilley, and others, Charles Clingan, Patrick Collins, Noah Cooke, William Copeland, and others, George Crow, Francis Dade, James Diemer, Nathaniel Dummer, Philip and George Durk, William Edwards, Christian and George Elholm, Abigail Fairweather, Thomas Flint, Theodosia Ford, Nathaniel Gist, John Goodman, Peter Grobe, Daniel Hall, James Hall, and others, Cornelius and Wilhelmus Houghtaling, Zaccheus Hunt, Inhabitants of Kingston, and inhabitants of Ulster County, in the State of New York, Thomas Jenney and Andrew Dover, Severinus Koch, Enoch Leonard, Henry B. Livingston, John Lynch, James M'Dowell, Peter Nagle and others, Adam Polander, Francis Proctor, Jacob Reid, James Richardson, Benjamin Ricketts, Matthias Saddler, Richard Sappington, Nicholas Schuyler, William Shattuck, Sarah Smart, Joab Stafford, Joseph Stout, Aaron Stratton, James Taylor, Edward Thompson, Jonathan Titcomb, John Trueman, Nicholas Tuttle, Robert Williams, and others, Valentine Wirick, Michael Wislar, and Daniel Murray, Josiah Witter, and George Yearhouse, returned pursuant to the order of this House of the fifteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, accompanying statements received since the twenty-ninth day of March last, in the cases of claimants to be placed on the pension list of the United States, who have obtained certificates from the Judges of the Circuit Courts, signed as Commissioners, and from the Judge of the District of Maine; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-com-



missioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and for the expenses of the militia lately called into the service of the United States;" another, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Covenhoven;" another entitled "An act authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five;" and another entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1795.

The Speaker laid before the House two letters, one from Uriah Forrest, one of the members for the State of Maryland, dated the twenty-fourth ultimo, stating the election of Benjamin Edwards, as a member of this House, in his stead, he having resigned to the Executive of the said State of Maryland; the other from John Kilty, Clerk of the Council of the said State, dated the twenty-seventh ultimo, addressed to the said Benjamin Edwards, informing him that an attested certificate of his election as a Representative for the said State, in the room of the said Uriah Forrest, had, by order of the Council of the said State, been transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; which letters were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections, with instruction to withdraw, and report presently thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the letters from Uriah Forrest and John Kilty, Clerk of the Council of the State of Maryland, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization," and the same being read, were agreed to.

A motion was then made and seconded, further to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the State of Maryland, enclosing a return of the election of Benjamin Edwards, to serve as one of the members of this House, for the said State, in the room of Uriah Forrest, who has resigned his seat; as also, a letter from the said Uriah Forrest, to the said Governor of Maryland, dated the eighth day of November last, stating his resignation; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

*Ordered*, That the report, made yesterday, by the Committee of Elections, on the letters from Uriah Forrest and John Kilty, Clerk of the Council of the State of Maryland, be re-committed to the same committee.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the thirty-first ultimo, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and for the expenses of the militia lately called into the service of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the memorial of Nathaniel Dummer, which was presented to this House on the fifth day of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracy, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joab Stafford, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the first instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Covenhoven;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled, "An act authorizing the transfer of the stock standing to the credit of certain States;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five;" and another entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was re-committed their report of yesterday, on the letters from Uriah Forrest and John Kilty, Clerk of the Council of the State of Maryland, and to whom was, this day, referred the letter from the Governor of Maryland, with its enclosures, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read as followeth:

"That it appears, from a certificate signed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, in Council, and under the seal of the said State, that Benjamin Edwards was duly elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Uriah Forrest, who had resigned his seat.

That the resignation of Uriah Forrest satisfactorily appears from his letter of the twenty-fourth of December, directed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the committee, Benjamin Edwards is entitled to take a seat in the House as one of the Representatives for the State of Maryland, in the room of Uriah Forrest."

The said resolution was again read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Edwards then appeared; and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law, he took his seat in the House, as one of the Representatives for the State of Maryland, in the room of Uriah Forrest.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported on Wednesday last, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization: Whereupon,

The amendment moved yesterday to the said bill, being under consideration, in the words following, to wit:

"And, in case any such alien applying for admission to become a citizen of the United States, shall have borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of nobility, in the Kingdom or State from which he came, in addition to the requisites of this, and the before recited act, he shall make an express renunciation of his title or order of nobility, in the Court to which his application shall be made, before he shall be entitled to such admission; which renunciation shall be recorded in the said Court."



A motion was made and seconded to amend the said amendment, by adding to the end thereof the words following, to wit:

“And, also, in case such alien shall, at the time of his application, hold any person in slavery, he shall in the same manner renounce all right and claim to hold such person in slavery.”

On the question that the House do agree to the said amendment to the amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 28,  
  { Nays ..... 63.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
James Armstrong,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
Samuel Dexter,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
James Gordon,  
Thomas Hartley,

James Hillhouse,  
Samuel Holten,  
Henry Latimer,  
Amasa Learned,  
William Lyman,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Vans Murray,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck, and  
Peleg Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Lemuel Benton,  
Thomas Blount,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
Isaac Coles,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Henry Dearborn,  
George Dent,  
Benjamin Edwards,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William B. Giles,  
James Gillespie,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Christopher Greenup,  
Andrew Gregg,  
William B. Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
Daniel Heister,  
John Hunter,  
William Irvine,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Matthew Locke,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
James Madison,  
Joseph McDowell,

Alexander Mebane,  
William Montgomery,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Joseph Neville,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
John Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Francis Preston,  
Robert Rutherford,  
Thomas Scott,  
John S. Sherburne,  
John Smilie,  
Israel Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
William Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Francis Walker,  
Benjamin Williams,  
Paine Wingate,  
Richard Winn, and  
Joseph Winston.

On the main question, that the House do agree to the said amendment, as first proposed,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 59,  
  { Nays ..... 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Lemuel Benton,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
Isaac Coles,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Henry Dearborn,  
George Dent,  
Benjamin Edwards,  
William Findley,  
William B. Giles,  
James Gillespie,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Christopher Greenup,  
Andrew Gregg,  
William B. Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
Daniel Heister,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Hunter,  
William Irvine,  
Henry Latimer,  
William Lyman,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
James Madison,  
Francis Malbone,

Joseph M'Dowell,  
Alexander Mebane,  
William Montgomery,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
William Vans Murray,  
Joseph Neville,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
John Page,  
Josiah Parker,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Francis Preston,  
Robert Rutherford,  
Thomas Scott,  
John S. Sherburne,  
John Smilie,  
Israel Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker,  
Benjamin Williams,  
Paine Wingate,  
Richard Winn, and  
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
James Armstrong,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
Samuel Dexter,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
James Gordon,

Thomas Hartley,  
James Hillhouse,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Amasa Learned,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Matthew Locke,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
William Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth, and  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be re-committed to Mr. Madison, Mr. Dexter, and Mr. Carnes.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 5.

Another member, to wit: Thomas Sprigg, from Maryland, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of Thomas Dannery, Consul of the French Republic, residing in the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of a number of French citizens, late inhabitants of Saint Petre and Miquelon, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the tonnage duties accruing on sundry shallops and small



schooners, which were employed to convey the said French citizens to the said town of Boston, from Halifax and Shelburne, in the province of Nova Scotia, where they were sent as prisoners, by the British Army, in the course of the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Van Cortlandt; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of George Schreffwar, a native of Poland, and now residing in the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a surgeon in the legion commanded by Count Pulaski, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Paul Schenck, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made to the act imposing duties on snuff manufactured within the United States; and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Findley, be the said committee.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt, to whom was committed the memorial of sundry manufacturers of tobacco in the City of Philadelphia, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same, and that the said memorial be referred to the committee last appointed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the ascertainment of certain losses of the officers of Government, and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was re-committed the report on the petition of Epaphras Jones, in behalf of himself, Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making farther provision in cases of drawbacks; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to consider and report on the expediency of making any further alterations in the laws of the United States relative to the cession of the jurisdiction by particular States, in lands where are established, or may by law be directed to be built and established, light-houses, buoys, and public piers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the report

of the Secretary of War, respecting the fortifications of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization," reported an amendatory bill to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying the several petitions of Samuel Aborn, John F. Amelung, Daniel Barnet, and James Worley, executors of Barnet Eichelberger, deceased, Robert Bigham, executor of Thomas Armor, deceased, Shuyter Bouchell, Timothy Bradley, Brown and Francis, Duncan Campbell, John Clark, citizens of New York, holders of certain bills of credit, citizens of North Carolina, Jacob Clemens, Tristram Coffin, comb-makers of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania, Commissioners of the City and County of Philadelphia, William Constable and Company, George Crowninshield and others, Gustavus Conyngham, George Craghead, dealers in painters' colors of the City of Philadelphia, Patrick Dennis, John Baptist Dumon, Andrew Dunscomb, William Ellery, William Brown Foggo, Ebenezer Foster, Alexander Fowler, Samuel Fowler, Thomas Frothingham, Lawrence Furlong, Thomas Geese, John Gibbon, Aquila Giles, Mary Catherine Goddard, Thomasin Gordon, Daniel Graham and Philip Newhouse, Daniel Gray, Stephen Haight, John Halstead, Mary Harper, executrix of Thomas Harper, deceased, Benjamin Harwood, Udney Hay, Moses Hazen, Adam Hill, Hugh Hughes, John S. Hunn, inhabitants of the City of Hudson, Robert Johnston, Peter Le Maigre, Aaron Lyons, Macomb and Edgar, Thomas Matthews, merchants of Philadelphia, merchants of Providence, in Rhode Island, John McGowan, John Miller and others, Jacob Milligan, William Minns, James Montgomery, Zedekiah Morgan, William Moulton, Caleb Newbold, Jeremiah Nicols, Sarah Parker, John Pearson, Dorsey Pentecost, Perry and Hayes, Jacob Philips, Richard Philips, William Piercy, Oliver Pollock, Francis Porie and Stephen Carpenter, John Pray and others, Robert Ralston, assignee of Thomas Barclay, John Ross, John M. Russell, Isaac Sherman, James Simpson, Abraham Skinner, Isaac Spencer, William Story, Abraham Supplee, Jonathan Sturges and others, Joseph Tatlow, Andrew Taylor, Isaiah Thomas, John Torrey, Aaron Vail, Abraham J. Van Alstyne, Killian Van Rensselaer and others, Martha Walker, James Warrington, James Watson, Reuben Weed, Hezekiah Wetmore, Joseph Wheaton, Jonathan Wheeler, William Whitlock, George Williams and Eleazer Johnson, Beverley Winslow and Joseph Hawkins, and John Wood, returned pursuant to an order of this House, of the fifteenth ultimo. Also, a letter from Monsieur Le Brun, in behalf of the heirs of Jerom Michael Le Brun; the exemplification of an act of the Legislature of New York, ceding the light-house and land at Sandy Hook; a copy of an act of the Legislature of South Carolina, ceding the light-house on Middle Bar Island, within the bar of Charleston Harbor; and the proceedings of the Legislature of the said State of South Carolina, respecting certain regulations at the post of Fort Johnson, heretofore referred by order of the House; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

An engrossed bill for the ascertainment of certain losses of the officers of Government and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the ascertainment of certain losses of the officers of Government and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.



An engrossed bill making further provision in cases of drawbacks was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making further provision in cases of drawbacks."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Timothy Concklin, of Dutchess county, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a pair of oxen, the property of the petitioner, which was taken by a detachment of the enemy, during the late war. Also,

A petition of David Barns, of Cheshire, in the State of Connecticut, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of injuries received, while a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Benjamin Titcomb, which was presented to this House on the tenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and the petitions of Samuel Aborn, Thomas Frothingham, Sarah Parker, and Joseph Tatlow, returned yesterday, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial and remonstrance of the sugar refiners, in the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision of the excise laws of the United States; and that so much of the act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," as imposes a duty on sugar refined within the United States, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and remonstrance be referred to the committee appointed to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the act imposing duties on snuff manufactured within the United States; and that Mr. Fitzsimons and Mr. Madison be added to the said committee.

A memorial of the Transylvania Company, commonly called Richard Henderson and Company, was presented to the House and read, praying that such compensation may be made to the memorialists, and their legal representatives, for a quantity of land which they purchased from the Cherokee Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, and has since been ceded to the United States, by the treaty of Holston, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

Mr. Hartley, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry soldiers in the late Army of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the House on Monday next.

A petition of James Denniston, of Ohio county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the location which he has made of the proportion of land, due for his services during the late war, in the second range of townships on the river Ohio, together with the improvements thereon, may be confirmed to him, and a grant issued for the same. Also,

A petition of Elijah Woods, to the same effect.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry soldiers in the late Army of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War on the memorial of Peter Peritt, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

A petition of William Mead, of the county of Saratoga, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the depreciation of pay due to him, as Surgeon in the first New York regiment of the Continental Army, from the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, to the thirtieth of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine. Also,

A petition of Jellis D. Van Voorst, late a Sergeant in the regiment under the command of Colonel Seth Warner, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay, and other emoluments, due to him for military services rendered the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Blake, of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, administrator of Daniel Tucker, deceased, late a Deputy Quartermaster in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be exonerated from the payment of certain sums of money, or specie certificates, received by the deceased, during the late war, to discharge the demands of sundry persons employed in public service; the vouchers for the due application of the said sums of money, or specie certificates, having been delivered to Hugh Hughes, Quartermaster for the State of New York, and afterwards destroyed by fire. Also,

A petition of Dirck Swart, of the county of Saratoga, in the State of New York, praying that he may receive compensation for a quantity of ashes, the property of the petitioner, which was deposited in a storehouse, for the purpose of having the same manufactured into pot and pearl ashes, and lost during the late war; the said storehouse having been taken for the use of a detachment of the American Army. Also,

A petition of John Van Sice, and others, of the county of Albany, in the State of New York, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and supplies furnished, the Indians in the Northern department of the United States, by order of Henry Glen and Philip Schuyler, late Agents for Indian Affairs in the said department; of which the petitioners have been hitherto debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions, together with the petition of William Parsons, by his attorney Stephen Parsons, which was presented to this House on the sixteenth of April last, and the petitions of John Clark, Caleb Newbold, and others, Oliver Pollock, and William Story, returned by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the fifth instant, and the petition of Francis Galvan de Bernoux, returned by the Secretary at War, on the thirty-first ultimo, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of James Caldwell, of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties imposed by law on a quantity of snuff manufactured by the petitioner, which, together with his manufactory, and other property, was consumed by fire, on the twelfth day of July last.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the act imposing duties on snuff manufactured within the United States.

A memorial of John Field, Jesse and Robert Waln, and Hartshorne, Large & Company, merchants, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the exportation of lead from the United States may be permitted in all vessels engaged in the India or China trade.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Rutherford; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Mary S. Jones, widow and administratrix of William Jones, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject; and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.



The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report what further provisions are necessary for the more general promulgation of the laws; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and the same being read, were agreed to.

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debt, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Epaphras Jones, in behalf of himself, Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Collector of the District of New York, to remit to Epaphras Jones, Stephen Gorham, Shubal Gorham, and Charles Selden, owners of the brigantine called the Peru, the duties of impost and tonnage which may be incurred, in consequence of the incompetent or invalid register of the said brigantine; provided they shall obtain, within one hundred and twenty days, a new register for the said brigantine, in the manner prescribed by law.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Gilman, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Francis Peyrinnaut, of the town of Edenton, in the State of North Carolina, administrator of Pierre Decamps, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain loan-office certificates, the property of the deceased, which were destroyed by an armed banditti, some time in the month of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two; the loss of which, owing to unavoidable circumstances, has not been advertised within the time, and in the manner prescribed by law.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hartley.

that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Gilbert Dench, which was presented to this House the twelfth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and the memorial of Anna Welch, presented the third of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the Transylvania Company, commonly called Richard Henderson & Company, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Blount, Mr. Carnes, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Preston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *January 8th*, 1795.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I lay before Congress copies of acts passed by the Legislatures of the States of Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York, ratifying the amendment proposed by the Senate and House of Representatives, at their last session, to the Constitution of the United States, respecting the judicial power thereof.

The Minister of the French Republic having communicated to the Secretary of State, certain proceedings of the Committee of Public Safety, respecting weights and measures, I lay these also before Congress.

The letter from the Governor of the Western Territory, copies of which are now transmitted, refers to a defect in the judicial system of that Territory, deserving the attention of Congress.

The necessary absence of the Judge of the district of Pennsylvania, upon business connected with the late insurrection, is stated by him, in a letter, of which I forward copies, to have produced certain interruptions in the judicial proceedings of that district, which cannot be removed without the interposition of Congress.

G. WASHINGTON.

*Ordered*, That so much of the said message as relates to the letters from the Judge of the District of Pennsylvania, and the Governor of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, be referred to Mr. Dexter, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Harrison, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That such other parts of the said message as relate to the ratification of the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, by the Legislatures of the States of Massachusetts, Vermont, and New York, and the proceedings of the Committee of Public Safety of the French Republic, respecting weights and measures, do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act providing for the payment of certain instalments of foreign debts, and of the third instalment due on a loan made of the Bank of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, or what, alteration is necessary to be made in the laws respecting lost or destroyed certificates; and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Gregg, be the said committee.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

A petition of Thomas Heslep, of the County of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for supplies furnished a detachment of the American Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Charles Heems, of the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a new register may be granted in the case of the brig Solitaire, an American bottom, which was captured by the British, and afterwards retaken by the French, and carried into Aux Cayes, in the year one thousand seven hundred and nine-



ty-three; the said brig being condemned as British property, and the original register detained by the captors.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Hancock; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Daniel Perkins, of the County of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay and other emoluments due to him as a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Philip Duck, in behalf of himself and others, late soldiers in the fifth Pennsylvania regiment, praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims for military services rendered the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Allen Gilbert was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pension due to him in consideration of wounds and other injuries received while a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Joab Stafford.

A petition of William Hill Serjeant and Nathan Richardson, merchants and partners, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the amount of the drawback on a quantity of wine exported from the port of Petersburg, and duly landed at Rotterdam, in the United Netherlands, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; a judgment having been obtained in the District Court of the United States for the State of Virginia, on the bond given for the duties accruing on the said wine, previous to receiving the evidence required by law for relanding the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Gilber, and Mr. Latimer; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Finley, late a Captain in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying that the location which he has made of the proportion of land due for his military services, during the late war, in one of the ranges of townships on the river Ohio, together with the improvements thereon, may be confirmed to him, and a grant issued for the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the committee on the petition of sundry soldiers in the late Army.

Mr. Venable, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of William and Archibald M'Neil, and of Nehemiah Somes, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Epaphras Jones, and others; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the better organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," ought to be amended; and that further provision ought to be made by law for arming the militia of the United States, and for enforcing the execution of the militia laws, by adequate and uniform penalties.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Heister, Mr. Locke, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Dayton, Mr.

Samuel Smith, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Field, Jesse and Robert Waln, and Hartshorne, Large, and Company, merchants, of the City of Philadelphia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12.

A memorial of sundry merchants, and other citizens, of the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the most speedy and effectual measures may be adopted by Congress to obtain restitution for the depredations committed on the property of the citizens of the United States, by the subjects of Great Britain, under the authority of that Government.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the State of New York, who respectively carry on the business of auctioneers, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of the act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act laying duties on property sold at auction."

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Watts, Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Holten; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Andrew Lee, of the State of Pennsylvania, late a Lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Hazen, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for military services rendered in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Joseph Barnard, Henry B. Livingston, James Richardson, and James Taylor, returned on the thirty-first ultimo, by the Secretary of War; and the petitions of Nicholas Schuyler, Abraham J. Van Alstyne, and Killian Van Rensselaer, and others, returned on the fifth instant, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Francis Nash, of Greenwich, in the State of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain loan-office certificate, the property of the petitioner, which was burnt, or otherwise destroyed, by a detachment of the British Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine. Also,

A petition of Philip Bush, of the town of Winchester, in the State of Virginia, praying the renewal of a certificate of public debt, which was lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hartley; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joze Roiz Silva, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *January 12th, 1795.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I lay before Congress, for their consideration, the copy of a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied by an extract from a memorandum of James Seagrove, Agent of Indian Affairs.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.



Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act "for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General, accompanying a report of such tables of fees and regulations as are proper to be established for the Courts of the United States, pursuant to a resolution of this House, of the fifth of June last; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Sherburne, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made and seconded that the message of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth ultimo, and the report from the Secretary of War, referred to therein, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Dannery, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill, and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

A memorial of Arthur St. Clair, late a Major General in the Army of the United States, in behalf of himself and his son, Daniel St. Clair, an officer in the same Army, was presented to the House and read, praying that the locations which they have made of the respective proportions of land due for their military services, during the late war, in one of the ranges of townships on the River Ohio, may be confirmed to them, and grants issued for the same.

Also, the memorials and petitions of sundry officers and soldiers of the late Army of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of Samuel Brady, of Absalom Martin, and of Dudley Woodbridge, to the same effect.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and petitions be referred to Mr. Hartley, Mr. Greenup, and Mr. Peleg Wadsworth; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Moore, one of the executors of John Okely, late of the County of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and supplies furnished, by the deceased, while a Deputy Quartermaster General in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Timothy Bradley and Ebenezer Foster, returned on the fifth instant, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Appleton, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to report what further provisions are necessary for the more general promulgation of the laws; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report, and that it be re-committed to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Moore, Mr. Heister, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Macon, Mr. Murray, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Orr, Mr. Swift, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. White.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Field, Jesse and Robert Waln, and Hartshorne, Large, and Company, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That John Field, and the other owners of the ship Pigou, be authorized to export in the said ship a quantity of lead imported in the same ship in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ last; and that the Collector of the District of Pennsylvania be authorized to grant a clearance for the same.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Rutherford, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the act imposing duties on snuff manufactured within the United States, and to whom was referred the memorial of the sugar-refiners in the city of Philadelphia, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read as followeth:

"That, in the opinion of the committee, there is not sufficient experience of the utility of the acts imposing duties on snuff and refined sugar, to recommend a continuance of the said acts beyond the period to which they are at present limited. With respect to the act laying duties on snuff, the committee recommend an immediate alteration of the mode of collecting the duties, by laying the same on the mortar. They, therefore, submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to amend the act laying duties upon manufactured snuff, and to alter the mode of imposing the said duties by imposing the same on the mortar."

The said report being again read,

*Ordered*, That so much thereof as relates to the discontinuance of the act "for laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," beyond the period to which it is at present limited, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the Public Debt.

*Ordered*, That such other parts of the said report as relate to an immediate alteration of the mode of collecting the duties on snuff manufactured within the United States, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom were referred the laws of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, which was made to this House on the twenty-fourth day of May last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

A memorial of Parker, Hopkins, and Meers, of the town of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, to enable them to complete a work which they have undertaken for the purpose of making an accurate survey of the sea-coast and inland navigation of the States of South Carolina and Georgia.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A memorial of George Latimer, and others, merchants, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the drawback



of the duties on a quantity of sugar and coffee imported by the memorialists into the port of Newbern, in North Carolina, and thence brought to the port of Philadelphia, from which they are desirous of exporting them to a foreign port.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Edwards; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of William Tompkins, of the county of Louisa, in the State of Virginia, legal representative of Robert Tompkins, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the commutation of half-pay, and other emoluments, due for the services of the deceased, as a Lieutenant in the Virginia line, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petitions of George Crowninshield, and others, Lawrence Furlong, Francis Porie and Stephen Carpenter, and Andrew Taylor, returned on the fifth instant by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the memorial of Thomas Dannery; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said memorial is reasonable, and that the tonnage duties on the vessels therein mentioned be remitted.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Van Cortlandt, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to report a plan for perfecting a road between the Southern and Eastern States, the expense whereof to be defrayed out of the revenue of the Post Office; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Giles, Mr. Murray, Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Dearborn, and Mr. McDowell, be the said committee.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the exportation of a quantity of lead, in the ship Pigou, to China; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the eighth instant, as relates to the letter from the Judge of the District of Pennsylvania respecting certain interruptions in the judicial proceedings of that District, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of Public Supplies; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill, and that it be re-committed to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Venable.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the Public Debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

An engrossed bill to authorize the exportation of a quantity of lead, in the ship *Pigou*, to China, was read the third time, and ordered to be re-committed to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Rutherford, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal so much of the act, passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same," as prohibits the exportation of lead from the United States.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

A petition of Daniel Goodwin, of Eastown, in the State of Massachusetts, executor of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the rent of, and damages done to, the dwelling House and other property of the deceased, which were taken by order of Thomas Cushing, agent to the United States, for building a seventy-four gun ship at Boston, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the eighth instant, as relates to the letter from the Judge of the District of Pennsylvania, respecting certain interruptions in the judicial proceedings of that District, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That provision be made by law for reviving all suits and processes which were commenced for the District Court of Pennsylvania, which by law ought to have been holden on the third Monday of November last, and all suits and processes which were pending in the said Court, and discontinued by the failure to hold the same, and also, all suits and processes which were pending in any special Court of the said District, the adjournment whereof has been lost by the same; and for giving day to all the suits and processes aforesaid, in the District Court next by law to be holden in the same district.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Dexter, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Harrison, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lee, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, or what, alteration is necessary to be made in the laws respecting lost or destroyed certificates, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Carnes, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Heems, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes,'" was read the third time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Kittera, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Irvine.



A petition of Joseph Brevard, of the State of South Carolina, a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which was lost or destroyed some time in the month of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of William Martin, of North Yarmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of the Schooner Fox, the property of an inhabitant of Nova Scotia, concerned in trade with the petitioner, which was seized by the Collector for the District of Portland, in the said State, as a foreign bottom, under thirty tons burthen, importing articles from a foreign port, subject to the payment of impost duties, contrary to the revenue laws of the United States. Also,

A petition of John Montgomery and Thomas Smith, executors of the late Brigadier General Butler, deceased, who was killed in an engagement with the Indians, in November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, praying that the allowance granted to the widows and orphan children of officers who were killed or died in the service of the United States, during the late war, may be extended to the widow and orphans of the deceased.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Parker, Hopkins, and Meers, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Parker, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Carnes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish this House with a statement of the amount of goods on which a duty of seven and a half per cent. was paid from the thirtieth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, to the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; the amount, on which ten per cent. was paid for that period; and the nett amount of duty on coal, and on coffee and cocoa, for the same time.

Mr. Kittera, from the committee to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes,'" reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating "that, pursuant to the second section of the act establishing the Treasury Department, which expressly makes it the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue, and for the support of public credit, he has digested and prepared a plan, on the basis of the actual revenues, for the further support of public credit, which is ready for communication to the House of Representatives."

The said letter was read : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be informed that this House is ready to receive the communication therein referred to.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Samuel Cheney, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, executor of Ebenezer Cheney, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the rent of a dwelling house, and a quantity of fuel furnished by the deceased, for the use of a detachment of the American Army, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Harry Terrell, presented the eighth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and Isaac Ledyard, presented the tenth of March last, and the petitions of William Brown Foggo, and William Minns, returned on the fifth instant, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying the plan referred to in his letter of the sixteenth instant, for the improvement and management of the public revenue, together with sundry statements marked A, B, C, D, E, and F, relative thereto ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report on the expediency of erecting a light-house near the entrance of the harbor of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. William Smith, Mr. Grove, and Mr. Benton.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

A petition of Joseph Bozman, of the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved from execution on a judgment obtained against him, at the suit of the United States, in the District Court of North Carolina.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Niles, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Mebane ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of sundry of the Representatives from York county, in the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania and others, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Yorktown, in the said State, by Abbotstown and Gettysburg, to Hagerstown, in the State of Maryland.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and post roads within the United States.'"

A petition of Tobias Lord and others, of Kennebunk, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of erecting a stone pier at the entrance of Kennebunk river ; and for that purpose, as well as to keep the same in repair, that they may be authorized to collect tonnage on shipping of a certain burthen, which shall pass or re-pass the same.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Van Allen, and Mr. Ward ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Richard Keys, of Lancaster county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and supplies furnished the Army of the United States, while a Wagonmaster in the Commissary's Department, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Francis Proctor, late Captain of a company of artillery raised by the State of South Carolina, praying that such allowance may be made him for recruiting



a number of soldiers for the Continental Army, and for hardships and injuries sustained while a prisoner taken by the enemy, when in the actual service of the United States, during the late war, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petition of William Seymour, presented the thirteenth of March last, and the report of a committee thereon, and the petition of Sarah Beacham, returned on the thirty-first ultimo, by the Secretary of War, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau," made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill and report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Latimer and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act "for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed to inquire and report on the expediency of erecting a lighthouse near the entrance of the harbor of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joab Stafford; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That all persons who have been, or shall be, placed on the pension list of the United States, by virtue of the law, passed the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act to regulate the claims to invalid pensions," shall be deemed to commence the receipt of their respective monthly allowances at the date of their completing their testimony before the Commissioners who took the same; that no arrears, in any case, be allowed; and that the payment of such monthly allowance be continued during the continuance of such disability.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the petition of David S. Franks, which was made on the eleventh day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for reviving certain suits and process which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Watts, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Latimer, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Greenup, be added to the committee appointed on the fourteenth instant, to report a plan for perfecting a road between the Southern and Eastern States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendment, was then read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to examine and report what proceedings have been had under the act "for making farther and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States," and to report whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to the several laws respecting the Military Establishment, and the protection of the frontiers of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision in cases of drawbacks," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau." And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of the amount of goods paying a duty of seven and a half, and ten per cent. imported from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, inclusive: Also, the amount of the duties on coffee, cocoa, and coal, for the same time, pursuant to the resolution of this House of the sixteenth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to direct the proper



officer to lay before the House a statement of the number of troops that will be necessary to maintain such a line of military posts as it will be expedient to establish, effectually to protect the frontiers of the United States.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Hartley be appointed a committee to wait on the President with the foregoing resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

An engrossed bill for reviving certain suits and process which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for reviving certain suits and process which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William Morris and others, of the city of Savannah, legal representatives of Thomas Morris, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and supplies furnished, by the deceased, while a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Noble Benedict and others, of the county of Fairfield, in the State of Connecticut, praying that they may receive the depreciation of pay, and other emoluments due to them for military services rendered the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Lewis Van Woert, presented on the sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of the Inspectors of the Revenue for the port of Baltimore was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Coit, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of sundry masters of market vessels in the river Hudson, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of the act, entitled "An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same."

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alteration is necessary to be made in the laws respecting lost or destroyed certificates, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That any alteration in the act "limiting the time for presenting claims for destroyed certificates of certain descriptions," would be improper; and that all claims for lost or destroyed certificates, not comprehended in the provisions of the said act, ought to be decided on by the Legislature according to their respective merits.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the petition of Henry Hill, which was made on the seventh day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan further to provide for calling forth the militia of the United States to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to provide for calling forth the militia of the United States to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. M'Dowell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making further provisions in cases of drawbacks;" and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Hill Sergeant and Nathan Richardson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States,'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill, and that it be re-committed to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. M'Dowell, and Mr. Greenup.

Mr. Dent, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Francis Peyrinaut, administrator of Pierre Decamps, deceased, and of Francis Nash, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the report of the committee on the memorial of Mary S. Jones.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act concerning invalids; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Heems; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The question being taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said report,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill supplementary to the act "for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same," and, the said amendments being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

\* ( Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing trading houses for the purpose of supplying the Indian nations within the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution, reported on the fifth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report on the expediency of making any farther alterations



in the laws of the United States relative to the cession of the jurisdiction by particular States, in lands, where are established, or may, by law, be directed to be built and established, light-houses, buoys, and public piers; and the said resolution being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill declaring that cessions of jurisdiction made by any State in lands, where have been erected, or may, by law, be provided to be erected and placed, lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, with a reservation of concurrent jurisdiction, so far as shall authorize the service of process, civil and criminal, under the authority of such State, shall be deemed sufficient cessions of jurisdiction, in pursuance of the laws providing for the maintenance and erection of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers; and that, where absolute cessions for such purposes have been made, the States who have made the same, shall, notwithstanding, be entitled to exercise and retain a concurrent jurisdiction, so far as shall authorize the service of process, civil and criminal, under their authority, within the ceded territory.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Coit, Mr. Tredwell, and Mr. Lee, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report on the expediency of continuing in force, or repealing, the whole or part of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same."

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. William Smith, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Carnes.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to consider and report on the policy of remitting the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, in cases where such goods, wares, and merchandise, shall be destroyed by fire, or other accident; and to whom were referred the petitions of William and Archibald M'Neil, and of Nehemiah Somes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

*Ordered*, That the said report do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act "for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Andrew Massy, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as a clerk to James Hamilton, Assistant Commissary of Issues to a brigade of New York levies, in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Martin Keephart, praying that he may be allowed the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due for his services as a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war, of which he has been hitherto debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of John Roff, presented the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and the petition of Samuel Fowler, returned on the fifth instant, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill or bills to amend the act, entitled "An act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;" and "An act for allowing compensation to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Officers of both Houses;" and to reduce all such salaries as, in the opinion of the said committee, after having made due inquiry, ought to be reduced:

*Ordered,* That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War respecting the fortifications of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said report; and that it be re-committed to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Pickens.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others;" and the same being read, was agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee to whom was referred that part of the message from the President of the United States, of the eighth instant, which relates to the letter from the Governor of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 26.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of hemp, in the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the drawback of the duty imposed by law on the importation of foreign hemp, may be allowed on the exportation of the same, when manufactured into cordage within the United States.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Joseph Howell, Accountant to the War Department, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Watts, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. New; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act concerning invalids; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.



*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making further provision in cases of drawbacks;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others;" another entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed, light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed to consider and report on the expediency of continuing in force or repealing, the whole or part, of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting for a limited time the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same," made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it would be expedient to repeal the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the said act, and to continue the fifth section in force for another year, so far as relates to the importation of brass cannon, muskets, and firelocks, with bayonets suited to the same, pistols, swords, cutlasses, musket ball, lead, and gunpowder; and for two years longer, so far as relates to the importation of sulphur and saltpetre.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Carnes, do prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial of Brothers, Coster, and Company, of the City of New York, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be permitted to export to the West Indies, or be allowed the drawback of the duty on a quantity of cutlasses which they imported before the passing of the act prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the committee last appointed, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill relative to the compensations to certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Latimer and others, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill authorizing the allowance of a drawback of the duties on such part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize, Herbert Jones, commander, as has been imported from Newbern, in North Carolina, and shall be exported from Philadelphia.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Edwards, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for reviving certain suits and process which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania." Also, the bill, entitled "An act for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels." Also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States," with several amendments to the said last mentioned bill; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherburne, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States,'" made a report: which was read: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill and report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the State of Georgia be reimbursed the amount of a suit of the executors of Robert Farquahar against the said State, for sundry goods sold to the said State, for the use of the troops of the United States, which suit was depending before the Supreme Court at the time of the settlement of the accounts between the United States and individual States, and has been since discharged by the said State giving its obligation for the principal sum of the said suit:

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Heath, from the committee appointed to inquire and report what progress has been made in the settlement of the accounts of the former Government; what are the unpaid balances on the settled accounts, together with the measures taken for recovering payment of the same; whether any, and what, steps have been taken to compel persons to whom public money was entrusted to settle their accounts; and whether any further measures are necessary on that subject; made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal a part, and to continue in force another part, of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Appleton; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

An engrossed bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.



An engrossed bill supplementary to the act concerning invalids was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act concerning invalids."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Thomas Boyd was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due for his services as a sergeant in the Pennsylvania line, during the late war. Also,

A memorial of Jacob Shoemaker, of the City of Philadelphia, attorney of John Eberley, of the State of South Carolina, praying the liquidation and settlement of the claim of the said John Eberley for services rendered the United States, during the late war, of which he has been hitherto debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation. Also,

A petition of Walter Cruise, of the City of Philadelphia, praying compensation for military services rendered, and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and petition, together with the petition of Andrew Johnston, presented the eighth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the ascertainment of certain losses of the Officers of Government, and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys from the first day of July, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels;" another entitled "An act for reviving certain suits and process, which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" and another entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship *Enterprize*; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the twenty-third instant, "that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill or bills, to amend the act, entitled "An act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;" and an act "for allowing compensation to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the officers of both Houses; and to reduce all such salaries as, in the opinion of the said committee, after having made due inquiry, ought to be reduced;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The question being taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made and seconded that a committee be appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, alterations are proper to be made in the acts for ascertaining the salaries of the Officers of Government, and making compensation to the Members of each House of Congress,

It passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States ;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill ; and that it be again re-committed to Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. M'Dowell, and Mr. Greenup.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, made by order of the President of the United States, pursuant to the resolution of this House, of the twenty-first instant ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the committee appointed to examine and report what proceedings have been had under the act "for making farther and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States," and to report whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to the several laws respecting the military establishment, and the protection of the frontiers of the United States.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes ;'" another entitled "An act making further provision in cases of drawbacks ;" another entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others ;" another entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau ;" another entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject ;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States ;" another entitled "An act for reviving certain suits and process which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania ;" and another entitled "An act for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels."

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to inquire and report on the expediency of erecting a light-house near the entrance of the harbor of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina, which lay on the table : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That it will be proper that a light-house be erected near the entrance of the harbor of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Grove, and Mr. Benton, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

The several memorials and petitions of John Hollingshead, Henry Shade, Jesse Coles, Jane Godfrey, and Martha Dow, in behalf of themselves, or as legal representatives of others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in their persons and property, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and petitions, together with the petition of William M'Kee, presented on the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ; the petition of John Goodman, returned on the thirty-first ultimo, by the Secretary of War ; and the petition of Isaac Sherman, returned on the fifth instant, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry iron masters in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are there-



unto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on all iron imported from foreign countries; or that such other encouragement may be given to the manufacturing the said article within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet. Also,

A petition of the Inspectors of the Revenue for the port of Boston and Charlestown, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed them by law, and praying that the same may be increased and rendered more adequate to their services. Also,

A petition of Henry Wagner, of the borough of Reading, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds and injuries received while a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal a part, and to continue in force another part, of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House to wit: one entitled "An act for reviving certain suits and process which have been discontinued in the District Court of Pennsylvania;" another entitled "An act for the remission of the tonnage duties on certain French vessels;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Epaphras Jones and others."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred that part of the message from the President of the United States, of the eighth instant, which relates to the letter from the Governor of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That an appellate jurisdiction of all causes whereof one Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, now has jurisdiction, ought to be given to the two Judges of the same Court, who may not have adjudicated on the first trial, and the Governor of the Territory; any two of whom to form a Court for that purpose: and also, that, in causes of greater amount than five hundred dollars, an appeal ought to be given to the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States."

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Dexter, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Harrison, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in the Senate, to wit: one entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of Samuel Prioleau;" and another entitled "An act further extending the time for receiving on loan the domestic debt of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State; as also, the petition of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and of the Trustees of the University of North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the committee on the report of the Secretary of War, respecting the fortifications of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

Another Member, to wit : Aaron Kitchell, returned to serve in this House, as a Member for the State of New Jersey, in the room of Abraham Clark, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him, by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

An engrossed bill to repeal a part, and to continue in force another part, of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same;" was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to repeal a part, and to continue in force another part, of the act, entitled 'An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A representation of the Legislature of South Carolina was laid before the House and read, suggesting the propriety of an amendment to the militia laws of the United States, relative to the rank of officers in the cavalry and artillery, as well as of those in the lines of the different States, generally.

*Ordered*, That the said representation be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills respecting the organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States.

The several petitions of Edward Bryant, John Turner, and Ernst Greess, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the memorial of Tristram Coffin, and the petition of John Baptist Dumon, returned on the fifth instant, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit : one entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization ; and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject ;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States ;" and another entitled "An act making further provision in cases of drawbacks."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joze Roiz Silva, which lay on the table : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Collector of the District of New York be authorized to receive the invoice and other proofs of Joze Roiz Silva, respecting the cargoes of wines mentioned in his memorial, and if he shall be satisfied that the same, or any part thereof, was subject to a less duty than that charged and paid, then to refund to the said Joze Roiz Silva such sum, if any, as shall appear to be overcharged on the said cargo.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Watts, Mr. Coffin, and Mr. Malbone, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Dench, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the committee appointed to report what further provisions are necessary for the more general promulgation of the laws, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the mes-



sage of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State ; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and of the trustees of the University of North Carolina ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of hemp, in the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a drawback of the duty imposed by law on the importation of foreign hemp, may be allowed on the exportation of the same, when manufactured into cordage within the United States. Also,

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of chocolate, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that so much of an act passed at the last Session of Congress, as imposes an additional duty of two cents per pound on cocoa imported from foreign countries, may be repealed ; and that such measures may be adopted for encouraging the manufacture of the said article within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The memorial of John Sears, and the petitions of Luke White and Elizabeth Lovel, in behalf of themselves, or as legal representatives of others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petitions, together with the petition of Israel Jones, in behalf of Joshua Ashbridge, presented the seventeenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and the petition of Andrew Jackson, presented the sixth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating "that, pursuant to the duty enjoined by law, upon the head of that Department, he has prepared a report, containing some suggestions for the improvement and better management of the several branches of the actual revenues of the United States, which is ready to be communicated, as the House may please to direct."

The said letter was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be informed that this House is ready to receive the report therein referred to.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George Schreffwar, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, covering a resolution of the Legislature of that State ; as also, the petitions of Thomas Person and others, proprietors of lands in the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, and of the trustees of the University of North Carolina, to which the Committee of the Whole House had, yesterday, reported their disagreement: Whereupon,

The first resolution reported by the committee, being again read, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be lawful for the Executive of the State of North Carolina to subscribe, by way of loan to the United States, the amount of all such certificates as have been deposited in payment for any lands (reserved by the act of cession aforesaid) in payment for any lands which may have been relinquished to the Indians by the treaty aforesaid, in trust for the persons by whom they were so deposited, according to their respective rights and interests."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said first resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution reported by the committee being again read, in the words following, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the United States ought to reimburse the said persons the money which they have expended in having entries and surveys made, and in obtaining grants, and any other incidental charges which they have necessarily incurred, with interest ; and that they should moreover make a reasonable allowance for the loss and damage which the petitioners have sustained, by having possession of the said land withheld from them."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said second resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The third resolution reported by the committee being again read, in the words following, to wit :

" And whereas the grants to the aforesaid lands, made by virtue of an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, are valid to all intents and purposes, as coming fully within the purview of a condition contained in the act of cession from the said State to the United States : Therefore,

*Resolved*, That, whenever the United States shall think proper to extinguish the Indian claim to the said lands, by purchase, or otherwise, it will be just and reasonable that the several persons who have obtained grants, or made surveys or entries, should have such rights confirmed and established, and their titles perfected, in preference to any other persons, on repaying to the Treasury of the United States, the amount of what they may now receive, as a compensation for their disbursements and losses, in case such persons shall think proper to make such re-payment within a certain time, to be limited by Congress for that purpose."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the said third resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the House do agree to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That such persons as have entered land, agreeable to the laws of North Carolina, in the Territory ceded by that State to the United States, and on the Indian side of the line established by the treaty of Holston, ought to be re-imbursed by the United States the amount of the purchase-money actually paid for the same, and the necessary expense of locating and surveying, where the survey has been made : such persons first relinquishing their right thereto, to the United States:

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 14,  
  { Nays ..... 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Thomas Blount,  
William B. Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Matthew Locke,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
Joseph M'Dowell,

Alexander Mebane,  
John Page,  
Robert Rutherford,  
William Smith,  
Benjamin Williams,  
Richard Winn, and  
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
John Beatty,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Henry Dearborn,  
George Dent,  
Gabriel Duvall.

Benjamin Edwards,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Heath,  
James Hillhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Hunter,



William Irvine,  
 Aaron Kitchell,  
 Amasa Learned,  
 William Lyman,  
 James Madison,  
 William Montgomery,  
 Andrew Moore,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 William Vans Murray,  
 Anthony New,  
 John Nicholas,  
 Nathaniel Niles,  
 Alexander D. Orr,  
 Josiah Parker,

Andrew Pickens,  
 Francis Preston,  
 Thomas Scott,  
 John S. Sherburne,  
 Jeremiah Smith,  
 Samuel Smith,  
 Zephaniah Swift,  
 George Thatcher,  
 Uriah Tracey,  
 Jonathan Trumbull,  
 John E. Van Allen,  
 Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
 Artemas Ward, and  
 Paine Wingate.

Another motion was then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause a treaty to be entered into with any Indian tribes who may claim, hold, possess, or be entitled to, any lands within the Territory ceded by the State of North Carolina to the United States ; and to endeavor to obtain, by such treaty, an extinguishment of the Indian claims to all lands, the pre-emptive right to which has been sold by the said State, in pursuance of the act of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, opening an office for the sale of the said lands."

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Swift, Mr. M'Dowell, and Mr. Page.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Dench ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petition ought not to be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing certain confidential communications from Major General Wayne, dated the twenty-third of December last ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the Militia of the United States, when called into actual service, and for other purposes.'" And then he withdrew.

Mr. Watts, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Joze Roiz Silva ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

The several memorials and petitions of Francis Mentges, Emanuel Searns, Thomas Alexander, Patrick Collins, Reuben Colborn, Chandler Dinwiddie Fowke, and Reuben King, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Alexander Roxburgh, of Salisbury, in the State of Maryland, a Major in the Army of the United States during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the

petitioner, which was lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Murray, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Van Allen; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of hemp in the town of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a drawback of the duty imposed by law on the importation of foreign hemp, may be allowed on the exportation of the same, when manufactured into cordage within the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was committed the motion of the thirtieth ultimo, authorizing a treaty to be held for the extinguishment of Indian titles to lands within the Territory ceded to the United States, by the State of North Carolina, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Wednesday next be assigned to take the said report into consideration.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying the report referred to in his letter of the thirtieth ultimo, for the improvement and management of the public revenue; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying the memorials and petitions of Daniel Lombard and others, of the inspectors of the revenue of the port of New York, and of Thomas Russell and others, returned pursuant to an order of this House, of the fifteenth of December last. As also his reports on the several memorials and petitions of Thomas Coit, the corporation of Rhode Island College, William Gardner, and Moses White; which were read: Whereupon:

*Ordered*, That the report on the petitions of Thomas Colt and Moses White do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the report on the petition of the Corporation of Rhode Island College be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the report on the memorial of William Gardner be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Sherburne, Mr. Watts, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. New, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to examine and report what proceedings have been had under the act "for making farther and more effectual provision for the protection of the frontiers of the United States," and report whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to the several laws respecting the military establishment, and the protection of the frontiers of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The resolution reported by the committee being again read, in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved*, That two regiments, consisting of nine hundred and sixty non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, each, be formed out of the regiments now in the service of the United States, to compose, with the corps of artillery, the military establishment of the United States, and to continue in service until the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, unless sooner discharged."

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.



A motion was then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the present military establishment of the United States ought to be continued, and the corps composing the same completed by enlistments, for a term not exceeding three years, with authority to the President to forbear to raise, or to discharge, after they shall be raised, such part thereof as future events may, in his judgment, render consistent with public safety, convenience, and economy.

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report the nett amount of duties arising on distilled spirits, and on country stills (drawbacks deducted) during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, showing how much thereof was collected in each State; what proportion of the whole has arisen on spirits distilled from foreign, and what from domestic materials, and the total expenses of collecting in each State. Also, the same for 1793, so far as returns have been made; and where they have not been made, that he be requested to furnish an estimate of their nett product, calculated on the return of 1792.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of paper, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the revenue laws of the United States as imposes a duty on rags imported from foreign countries, may be repealed; or that such other measures may be adopted for encouraging the manufacture of paper within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Henry Glen, of the town of Schenectady, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services in various departments of the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A memorial of Thomas Rutledge, administrator of William Rutledge, deceased, praying that he may be allowed the arrearages of pay, and other emoluments, due for the services of the deceased, as a lieutenant in the Georgia line, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials, together with the report of the committee on the petition of Jabez Johnson, and the report on the petitions of Peter Rutan, John Gates, and John Ostrander, which were made to this House at the last session, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry owners of fishing vessels in the towns of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the cod and whale fisheries of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Peleg Wadsworth, and Mr. Coit; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion of the second instant, for authorizing a continuance of the present military establishment of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the present military establishment of the United States ought to be continued, and the corps composing the same completed by enlistments, for a term not exceeding three years, with authority to the President to forbear to raise, or to discharge, after they shall be raised, such part thereof, as future events may, in his judgment, render consistent with public safety, convenience, and economy.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Dayton, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Jeremiah Wadsworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Coit: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom was re-committed the report of a committee on the report of the Secretary of War, respecting the fortifications of the United States, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on so much of the report of the committee appointed to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made to the act imposing duties on snuff manufactured within the United States, as relates to an immediate alteration of the mode of collecting the duties on snuff manufactured within the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had under their consideration such parts of the said report as were referred to them, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to amend the act laying duties on manufactured snuff, and to alter the mode of imposing the said duties, by imposing the same on the mortar.

*Ordered*, That Mr. William Smith, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Findley, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Madison, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Postmaster General, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth day of May last, the petition of Benjamin Mumford, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown Harbor, in the State of South Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Murray, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Roxburgh, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

An engrossed bill to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Samuel Smith and Mr. Fitzsimons be added to the committee to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of hemp, chocolate, and paper.

Mr. Sherburne, from the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the committee on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States,'" made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee respecting the settlement of the accounts of the former Government, and the unpaid balances due thereon; and, after some time



spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *February 4th*, 1795.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :*

I lay before Congress, for their consideration, a letter from the Secretary of State, upon the subject of a loan, which is extremely interesting and urgent.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and letter were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Madison, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Giles, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

An engrossed bill relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Augustine Biddle, of the county of Harford, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain loan-office certificates, the property of the memorialist, which were lost or destroyed some time in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hartley; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Anthony Bartow and Robert S. Bartow, of Westchester, in the State of Pennsylvania, executors of Anthony Bartow, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for supplies furnished by the deceased, for the use of American Army, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Sumpter, of the town of Manchester, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for his services as a taylor, employed in making sundry suits of clothes for a detachment of the Army of the United States, stationed at Chesterfield Court-house, in the said State, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Oliver and Thompson, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying that certain errors, made to the injury of the memorialists, in the payment of the duties on fifteen boxes of Irish linens, and thirty pipes of Madeira wine imported into the United States, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, may be rectified.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Hillhouse, and Mr. Wingate; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George Gibbs, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Collector for the port of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, be, and he hereby is, authorized to allow to George Gibbs, the legal drawback on certain wines, by him exported, in the month of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, in the ship Warren, to Calcutta: Provided, that the said George Gibbs shall produce all the other testimony (excepting the oath of the mate,) required respecting drawbacks, by an act passed the fourth of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for continuing in force, for a limited time, an act passed the third of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act transferring, for a limited time, the jurisdiction of suits and offences from the District to the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and assigning certain duties in respect to invalid pensioners, to the Attorney of the said district."

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Jeremiah Smith, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Peleg Wadsworth.

A memorial of the sugar refiners, in the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision of the excise laws of the United States; and that so much of the act, passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," as imposes a duty on sugar refined within the United States, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

An engrossed bill for the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The memorial of Charles De Frey, and the petitions of Robert Elliott and Anna Knolten, in behalf of themselves, or as legal representatives of others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army and Navy of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to inquire into the establishment of Clerks in the several departments, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Gardner, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions



thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That there be appropriated, out of the revenues of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, a sum not exceeding six hundred thousand dollars, to be applied to the payment of two dollars on every hundred dollars of the amount of that part of the public debt, which bears an actual interest of six per cent; the said payment to be made on the ——— day of ——— next.

2d. *Resolved*, That the several clauses of limitation in the acts for laying duties and taxes on manufactured sugar and snuff; on licences for retailing wines and spirituous liquors; on sales at auction; and on carriages, be repealed; that the said several acts be continued in force until the year one thousand eight hundred and one; and that the moneys arising therefrom, be appropriated to the discharge of that portion of the public debt which is redeemable by law, subject however, to a substitution of other duties or taxes of equal value, to all or any of the said duties and taxes.

3d. *Resolved*, That the eighth section of the act of last session, laying and continuing certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, be repealed; and that the duration of the said act be made commensurate with the act for laying such duties, passed the tenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, entitled "An act making further provision for the debt of the United States."

4th. *Resolved*, That the surplus of revenue, which may hereafter exist, after satisfying all legal appropriations, be annually appropriated to the purchase of the public debt.

5th. *Resolved*, That provision be made for the sale of the public lands in the Western Territory.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Nicholas, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Another member, to wit: Robert Goodloe Harper, returned to serve in this House as a member for the State of South Carolina, in the room of Alexander Gillon, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of George Sharp, of the County of Rensselaer, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered, and supplies furnished the United States, during the late war, of which he has hitherto been debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation. Also,

A petition of Thomas Donnellan, of the town of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying the renewal of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which was consumed by fire, some time in the month of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five. Also,

A petition of Anne M'Mahon, of Ohio County, in the State of Virginia, widow of William M'Mahon, deceased, praying relief in consideration of the loss of her said husband, who was killed, while a Major in the actual service of the United States, in an engagement with the Indians, at Fort Recovery, on the thirtieth day of June last.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Roger Enos, presented the fourteenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom were referred the memorials of sundry manufacturers of hemp, in the towns of Boston, Newport, and Providence, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table; where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Parker, Hopkins, and Meers, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the fourth instant, enclosing a letter from the Secretary of State, relative to a loan for the maintenance of the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That adequate provision be made by law for reimbursing, before the year ———, any loan, which may hereafter be made under the authority of the President of the United States, in virtue of an act of the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and further to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.'"

*Resolved*, That, for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing resolutions, the proceeds of the duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons; on licences for selling wines and foreign distilled spirituous liquors, by retail; on snuff and refined sugar; and on property sold at auction; imposed by acts passed at the last session of Congress, and which may be further continued the present session, which are not already appropriated, be appropriated for the reimbursement, before the year ———, of any loan, which may hereafter be made in virtue of the act aforesaid: and that the faith of Government be pledged to make good any deficiency.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Madison, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. William Smith, and Mr. Giles, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to amend the act, passed the eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments," in such manner as to give to the President of the United States the same power of temporary appointment to the officers mentioned in the eight section of the act aforesaid, in case of vacancy, as by the same section, is given to him in the cases of death, absence from the seat of Government, and sickness: *Provided*, That no appointment, made as aforesaid, shall be for a longer term than six months.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Watts, and Mr. M'Dowell.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported on the fourth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the committee respecting the settlement of the accounts of the former Government, and the unpaid balances due thereon; and the said resolutions being amended at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That further and more adequate provision should be made, by law, for the recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be authorized to issue a notification to any person who has received moneys for which he is accountable to the United States, or to the executor or administrator of such person, if he be deceased, requiring him to render to the Auditor of the Treasury, in a reasonable time, not less than ———, nor more than ——— months, all his accounts and vouchers for the expenditure of the said moneys, comprehending a schedule of all claims of credit, or, in default thereof, to remain charged with the moneys so advanced; and suits shall be commenced for the same without further notice, and the party subjected to the costs and charges of such suits, whether the ultimate decision shall be in their favor, or against them.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Marshals of the respective Districts be authorized to serve the said notifications on the parties therein named, by leaving copies thereof at their respective dwellings or usual places of abode; and that the return of the notifications to the Comptroller's office, with the Marshal's certificate thereon, that service has been made, be deemed legal evidence in the District Courts of the proceedings, and for the recovery of costs and charges.

4th. *Resolved*, That, in cases where accounts shall be rendered to the Auditor of the Treasury, within the time limited in the notifications to the Auditor, he shall immediately proceed to liquidate the credits to be passed for the said accounts, and report the same to the Comptroller, with a particular list of any claims for credit which shall have been disallowed by him.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury immediately proceed to the examination of the credits allowed by the Auditor, and, if the same be approved by him, that he cause credit therefor to be passed on the public books.

6th. *Resolved*, That a list of such credits as shall have been claimed, and not admitted



by the Comptroller, be made out and transmitted to the Marshal of the District where the claimant resides, and that a copy thereof be left at the dwelling or last usual place of abode of such claimant, with notice of the time assigned by the Comptroller for the final hearing of the account; of which proceedings the Marshal to transmit an official return to the Comptroller.

7th. *Resolved*, In case of an omission or neglect on the part of the claimant to assign reasons, in writing, to the Comptroller, within the time limited, why the suspended credits should be admitted, all future claims therefor to be barred.

8th. *Resolved*, In case the claimant assign, in writing, his reasons why the suspended credits should be admitted, the Comptroller to be directed to consider the same, and decide thereon, according to principles of equity and the usages of the Treasury Department.

9th. *Resolved*, In cases where the final decision of the Comptroller shall have been against the claimant, and where he shall have voluntarily, within — months, submitted his claim to the equitable decision of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General, the said officers to be vested with authority to hear the claimant, and pronounce an award, which shall be final and conclusive to all concerned.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Heath, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Findley, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Harrison, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled “An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments;” which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry auctioneers in the City of New York, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed to examine and report on the state of the Mint, and what further measures are necessary to render the institution more beneficial, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act supplementary to the act, entitled ‘An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same;’ with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled “An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments,” was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “An act to amend the act, entitled ‘An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments.’”

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

A petition of Richard Moore, of the County of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay and other emoluments due for his services as a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petition of Sarah Smart, returned on the thirty-first of December last by the Secretary of War, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act to amend the act, entitled ‘An act to

establish the post office and post roads within the United States," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act "laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act relative to the compensations to certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same.'" Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be committed to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Giles, and Mr. William Smith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

A petition of Hugh Lawson White was presented to the House and read, praying compensation as a private in a detachment of mounted infantry, under the command of Brigadier General Sevier, which was ordered into service in the month of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the defensive protection of the frontiers of the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of David Organ, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of medicine furnished for the use of a detachment of the Virginia line, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Heath, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage;" and the same being read, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom were committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade



and fisheries, and for regulating the same," made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth disagree to all the said amendments.

*Resolved*, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendments, and that Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Giles, and Mr. William Smith, be appointed managers at the said conference on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Roxburg, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners of fishing vessels in the towns of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of a plan for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That provision be made by law for the payment of interest on the principal of the unsubscribed debt of the United States, (except Loan Office certificates, bearing interest on their nominal value,) at the rate of six per cent. per annum, for one year, ending the thirty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

2d. *Resolved*, That the arrears of interest on the unsubscribed debt aforesaid, be calculated to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and that the possessors thereof be entitled to subscribe the same, on loan, to the United States, at an interest of three per cent. per annum. That those who shall not so subscribe, shall receive, on the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, one-tenth part of the said arrears to them respectively due.

3d. *Resolved*, That the holders of Loan Office certificates, which bear interest on their nominal value, be entitled to receive the specie value, together with the interest thereon, at the Treasury of the United States, on demand; but that no interest shall accrue on such certificates after the — day of —.

4th. *Resolved*, That a loan be opened at the Treasury of the United States to the amount of the whole of the foreign debt; and that, for every one hundred dollars of the said debt subscribed thereto, the subscriber shall be entitled to an addition of one-half of a per centum, to the rate of interest to which such stock is now entitled, or to a sum equivalent in capital, bearing an interest of five per cent. per annum. And that the permanent revenues of the United States be pledged for the payment of the interest quarter yearly, at the Treasury of the United States, till the reimbursement of the principal.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be empowered, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to provide, by new loans, or by the sale of certificates of stock, bearing an interest of six per centum, for the reimbursement of any instalment, or part of the present foreign debt of the United States: *Provided*, That the principal and interest of such loan and certificates shall be payable at the Treasury of the United States, and the principal thereof redeemable at the Treasury of the United States; and that such conversion of foreign into domestic debt, shall not charge the United States with an interest of more than half a per cent. in addition to that payable on the debt so converted. That the interest of the sum redeemed and paid thereof, and the permanent revenue of the United States, be pledged for the payment of the interest on the loans to be made on the stock to be created, in virtue of the said powers.

6th. *Resolved*, That, in addition to the provisions heretofore made for reimbursing and redeeming the debt of the United States, so much of the fourth section of the act, entitled "An act making provision for the reduction of the public debt," as makes a reservation out of the interest on the debt purchased, be repealed; and that, in lieu thereof, a sufficient sum of the duties on impost and tonnage, be appropriated for that purpose.

7th. *Resolved*, That so much of the revenue arising from the duties on imposts and tonnage, as, together with the other moneys now constituting the Sinking Fund, that shall accrue to it by virtue of the foregoing provisions, and the interest redeemed, as shall be sufficient, be appropriated towards the payment of the sum which may of right

be annually paid on account of the principal of such funded stock as, on the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, shall bear an interest of six per cent. per annum, excluding that to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that which shall stand to the credit of particular States. And that the same shall continue so appropriated until the whole of the said stock shall be redeemed; and thenceforth, until the whole of the debt of the United States, funded and unfunded, shall be discharged.

8th. *Resolved*, That the dividends in the stock (the property of the United States) in the Bank of the United States, be appropriated to the same fund, reserving thereout, from time to time, so much as shall be necessary to discharge the interest on what shall remain unpaid of the loan made of the said bank, pursuant to the eleventh section of the act of incorporation, with so much of the duties on impost and tonnage, as, together with those dividends, (after deducting what may be necessary to pay the interest,) shall be sufficient to pay off the instalments of the said loan, as they shall hereafter, from year to year, become due: And as, (the said instalments being first paid) together with any other moneys which, on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, may belong to the said fund, (and not otherwise appropriated) shall be sufficient, from year to year, with the interest redeemed, to pay the sums which may of right be annually paid, on account of the principal of such funded stock, as, at the end of the year one thousand eight hundred, shall begin to bear an interest of six per cent, excluding that which may stand to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that to the credit of individual States; and continue so appropriated until the said last mentioned stock, and the instalments of the loan aforesaid, shall be redeemed and discharged, and thenceforth until the whole residue of the present debt of the United States be redeemed and discharged; and the interest of the stock which shall be redeemed by virtue of the foregoing provisions, continue to be appropriated to the said fund after the full redemption in such case is completed, until the whole of the present debt of the United States be redeemed by reimbursement, purchase, or otherwise.

9th. *Resolved*, That the moneys arising from the sales of the lands of the United States, and such as shall be received for debts due to the United States, antecedent to the present Government, together with the surplus of all current revenues, which shall remain unappropriated at the end of any year, be carried to the credit of the same fund.

10th. *Resolved*, That, after the last day of December next, all reimbursements of the capital of the debt of the United States, (foreign or domestic,) and of the reimbursement of the loan had of the Bank of the United States, be made under the superintendence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; and that they be empowered, with the approbation of the President of the United States, as the instalments of principal become due, to borrow the sums necessary to pay such instalment: *Provided*, That every such loan shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, and the rate of interest shall not exceed six per centum per annum; and be chargeable,

*First*. Upon the interest of the instalment which shall be reimbursed;

*Secondly*. Upon the revenue of impost and tonnage, for making good any deficiency.

But the interest on the six per cent. stock redeemed shall not be included.

11th. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be authorized, with the approbation of the President, to borrow, from time to time, such sums, in anticipation of the revenue appropriated, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest on the public debt, not exceeding one million in any year, and reimbursable within a year from the time of each loan: and that the interest on such loan be defrayed out of the permanent revenue, and shall not exceed six per centum per annum.

12th. *Resolved*, That all sums remaining unexpended, after the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, upon any appropriation for more than two years, after the end of the year for which such appropriation may be made, shall be carried to a separate account, to be kept at the Treasury: And that a statement of all appropriations shall be reported to the Legislature within thirty days after their first meeting in every year.

13th. *Resolved*, That all priorities established by appropriations for the funded debt, shall, after the last day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, cease with respect to all the creditors of the United States, who shall not, before the said last day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, signify their dissent thereto to the Comptroller of the Treasury: and that, after that period, the revenue charged with such appropriations shall constitute a common fund, chargeable with the same debts indiscriminately, excepting only as it may respect such of the creditors as may signify their dissent thereto, in manner aforesaid.



14th. *Resolved*, That all Loan Office certificates, Final Settlements, or Indents of Interest, now in the hands of any person or persons, shall, on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, be exhibited at the Treasury; where the holders or possessors shall be entitled to receive other certificates of equivalent tenor, in lieu thereof; and if any person shall neglect to exhibit such Loan Office certificates, Final Settlements, or Indents of Interest, and to get the same exchanged, he or they shall forever be barred from any payment or acknowledgment for such Loan Office certificate, Final Settlement, or Indent of Interest.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Ames, Mr. Fizzsimons, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Nicholas, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments.'" And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for continuing and regulating the military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petitions of William Mead, and Jellis D. Van Voorst; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to revise the act "laying duties upon carriages for the conveyance of persons," and to report a bill, with such alterations as may be necessary in the same, for defining more particularly such carriages as are subject to the tax, or for imposing any further checks on the Collectors.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Beatty, Mr. New, and Mr. Hillhouse.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by the act of the last session of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

An engrossed bill for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William Little, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying relief against the forfeiture of a quantity of rum, the property of the petitioner, which was condemned and sold for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States. Also,

A petition of Amos Camp and Amos Miner, of Columbia County, in the State of New York, praying that they may receive the arrearages of pension due to them in consideration of wounds and injuries received in the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of Matthew Orssen and Peter Defreest, respectively praying compensation for supplies furnished, and services rendered the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage;" another entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An

act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments ;” and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the laws of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved*, That all the laws passed by the Secretary and Judges of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, on the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be disapproved ; excepting a law, entitled “An act to repeal certain parts of an act, entitled ‘An act creating the office of Clerk of the Legislature.’”

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Findley, Mr. Greenup, Mr. Hunter, Mr. M’Dowell, and Mr. Coit, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled “An act relative to the compensations of certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage ;” another entitled “An act to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize ;” and another entitled “An act to amend the act, entitled ‘An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments.’”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act authorizing the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown Harbor, in the State of South Carolina.” The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled “An act supplementary to the act concerning invalids,” with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled “An act to repeal a part, and to continue in force another part of the act, entitled ‘An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same.’” And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

A memorial of Amelie, Adelaide, Melanie and Silvie de Grasse, four daughters of the late Count de Grasse, now residing at Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying a loan of money for their present subsistence ; the effects which they brought from France being exhausted, and having no other means of support, but in property in the Island of St. Domingo, from which, under present circumstances, no supplies can be drawn.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Gilman, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Isaiah Thomas, returned on the fifth ultimo, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to Mr. Murray, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Kittera ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The petitions of Samuel Henley and William How were presented to the House and



read, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in their persons and property, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Moses Gomez, junior, which was presented to this House on the twenty-ninth day of May last, be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Watts, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments;'" and another entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of drawback on part of the cargo of the ship Enterprize."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning invalids;" and, the same being read, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for continuing and regulating the military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said bill, at the Clerk's table, by striking out in the third and fourth lines of the fifteenth section, the words, "*and that it be also lawful for him,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "*that the legion shall be reduced to the number of two thousand five hundred men, and the proportioned number of officers, whenever there shall be a peace with the Indian tribes; and that it shall be lawful for the President of the United States:*"

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 25,  
  { Nays . . . . . 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
Isaac Coles,  
William J. Dawson,  
Henry Dearborn,  
William B. Giles,  
William B. Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Matthew Locke,

William Lyman,  
Nathaniel Macon,  
James Madison,  
Joseph M'Dowell,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
John Page,  
John Smilie,  
Israel Smith,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Abraham Venable, and  
Paine Wingate.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
John Beatty,  
Lemuel Benton,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
David Cobb,  
Pecleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
George Dent,  
Gabriel Duvall,  
Benjamin Edwards,  
William Findley,

Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
James Gordon,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Heath,  
James Hillhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Hunter,

William Irvine,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Amasa Learned,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Francis Malbone,  
Alexander Mebane,  
William Montgomery,  
Andrew Moore,  
William Vans Murray,  
Joseph Neville,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Francis Preston,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,

Samuel Smith,  
William Smith,  
Thomas Sprigg,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Peter Van Gaasback,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
John Watts,  
Benjamin Williams,  
Richard Winn, and  
Joseph Winston.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, by adding to the end of the first section, the following words: "*for the protection and security of the United States against foreign invasion, and against the Indian tribes:*"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 36,  
  { Nays ..... 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Leinuel Benton,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
Isaac Coles,  
Henry Dearborn,  
Gabriel Duvall,  
Benjamin Edwards,  
William Findley,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Christopher Greenup,  
William B. Grove,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
Matthew Locke,  
William Lyman,  
Nathaniel Macon,

James Madison,  
Joseph M'Dowell,  
Alexander Mebane,  
Andrew Moore,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
John Page,  
Francis Preston,  
John S. Sherburne,  
John Smilie,  
Israel Smith,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker,  
Benjamin Williams, and  
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
William J. Dawson,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Samuel Dexter,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Henry Glen,  
James Gordon,  
Andrew Gregg,  
Thomas Hartley,  
James Hillhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,

John Hunter,  
William Irvine,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Amasa Learned,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Montgomery,  
William Vans Murray,  
Joseph Neville,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Samuel Smith,  
William Smith,  
Thomas Sprigg,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,



John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,

Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Paine Wingate, and  
Richard Winn.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

An engrossed bill for continuing and regulating the military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for continuing and regulating the military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the reduction of the public debt; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act relative to the compensations to certain officers employed in the collection of the duties of impost and tonnage."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Seymour, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That William Seymour be placed on the list of invalid pensioners, as being entitled to the half-pay of a captain, in lieu of his present pension, to commence on the fifth day of March next, to be paid in the same manner, and at the same times, that invalid pensioners are now paid.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Attorney General of such tables of fees and regulations as are proper to be established for the Courts of the United States, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the table of fees reported by the Attorney General be printed for the use of the members; and the consideration thereof be referred to the next Congress.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to continue the act, entitled "An act to ascertain the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Sherburne, be appointed a committee pursuant to the last resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Coit, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a joint resolution respecting certain laws of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said joint resolution was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the credentials of Aaron Kitchell, and of Robert Goodloe Harper, returned to serve as members of this House in the room of Abraham Clark and Alexander Gillon, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That it appears, from a certificate signed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and under the seal of the said State, that Aaron Kitchell was duly elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the room of Abraham Clark, deceased.

That it also appears, from a certificate signed by the Governor of the State of South Carolina, with the seal of the said State annexed, that Robert Goodloe Harper was duly elected to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States, in the room of Alexander Gillon, deceased.

*Resolved*, as the opinion of the committee, that Aaron Kitchell is entitled to a seat in this House, as one of the Representatives for the State of New Jersey, in the room of Abraham Clark, deceased.

*Resolved*, as the opinion of the committee, that Robert Goodloe Harper is entitled to a seat in the House, as one of the Representatives for the State of South Carolina, in the room of Alexander Gillon, deceased."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

An engrossed bill for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, respecting certain laws of the Territory of the United States, Northwest of the River Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, was read the third time, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all the laws made by the Secretary and Judges of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio, on the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, excepting a law, entitled "An act to repeal certain parts of an act creating the office of Clerk of the Legislature," be, and the same are hereby, disapproved.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry manufacturers of snuff, in the town of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the act passed at the last session of Congress, laying duties upon snuff and refined sugar, as imposes a duty on snuff manufactured within the United States, may be repealed. Also,

A petition of the manufacturers of snuff in the town of Boston, to the same effect.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar."

A petition of sundry merchants and mariners of the town of Wiscasset, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that a light-house may be erected on Damascove Island, instead of the one intended to be placed on Seguin Island, in the said State.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Sherburne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Benjamin Harwood, returned on the fifth ultimo, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Goodhue, from the Managers appointed on the part of this House to attend the conference with the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same,'" made a report: Whereupon,



*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force the "Act for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Carnes, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of Public Supplies," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time.

And, on the question, that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Murray, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaiah Thomas, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was re-committed the report of the committee appointed to report what further provisions are necessary for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That there be printed, under the direction of the Secretary of State, a complete edition of ——— copies of the laws, to the close of the present session of Congress, to include the Constitution of the United States, the public acts which are now in force, and the treaties; and that they be divided among the respective States, and the Territories Northwest and South of the River Ohio, according to the rule for apportioning Representatives: that the number allotted to each State or Territory, be transmitted to the Governor or Supreme Executive Magistrate thereof, in order to be deposited in fixed and convenient places in each county or subordinate civil division, as the Executive or Legislature of such State or Territory may judge most conducive to the general information of the People.

*Resolved*, That a like number of the laws passed at each succeeding session, and of all future treaties, be printed and distributed as above directed.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Moore, Mr. Heister, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Macon, Mr. Murray, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Orr, Mr. Swift, Mr. Malbone, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Wingate, and Mr. White, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

An engrossed bill to continue in force the act "for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force the act 'for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to repeal part of the act, entitled 'An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Peter Trezevant, of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, heir, by marriage, to the estate of Robert Farquhar, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for supplies furnished by the deceased for the use of the Army and Navy of the United States, pursuant to an order of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of Georgia, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Abraham Mosser, of York County, in the State of Pennsylvania, in behalf of himself and others, praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims for services rendered, and supplies furnished the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dexter, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting the government of the Territories of the United States, Northwest and South of the River Ohio;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hartley, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Dudley Woodbridge, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of William Seymour; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes; and the same being read, were agreed to.

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz, of Charleston, merchants, in certain losses relative to drawbacks on sundry goods exported previously to the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Harper, and Mr. Hunter.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:



UNITED STATES, February 17th, 1795.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :*

I transmit to Congress copies of a letter from the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, and of an act of the Legislature thereof, "ratifying the article proposed in amendment to the Constitution of the United States respecting the Judicial power."

I also lay before Congress copies of a letter from the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and of an act of the Legislature thereof, ceding to the United States certain lands upon the conditions therein mentioned.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements, exhibiting the gross and nett amount of duties arising on distilled spirits, and on country stills, (drawbacks deducted,) during the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, pursuant to the resolution of this House of the second instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, February 17th, 1795.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :*

I have received copies of two acts of the Legislature of Georgia, one passed on the twenty-eighth day of December, and the other on the seventh day of January last, for appropriating and selling the Indian lands within the territorial limits claimed by that State. These copies, though not officially certified, have been transmitted to me in such a manner as to leave no room to doubt their authenticity. These acts embrace an object of such magnitude, and, in their consequences, may so deeply affect the peace and welfare of the United States, that I have thought it necessary now to lay them before Congress.

In confidence, I also forward copies of several documents and papers received from the Governor of the Southwestern Territory. By these, it seems that hostilities with the Cherokees have ceased, and that there is a pleasing prospect of a permanent peace with that nation : but, from all the communications of the Governor, it appears that the Creeks, in small parties, continue their depredations, and it is uncertain to what they may finally lead.

The several papers now communicated deserve the immediate attention of Congress, who will consider how far the subjects of them may require their co-operation.

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read : Whereupon,

*Ordered,* That so much thereof as relates to the acts of the Legislature of Georgia, for appropriating and selling the Indian lands within the territorial limits claimed by that State, be referred to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Macon, Mr. Murray, Mr. Findley, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Sherburne, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered,* That such other parts of the said message as relate to the communications from the Governor of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

An engrossed bill for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of William Seymour was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of William Seymour."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Mary Rapalyea, of the County of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain loan office certificates, the property of the petitioner, which were consumed by fire on the seventeenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hartley; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of John Rutledge, administrator of Thomas Rutledge, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of the deceased, as a Deputy Commissary General of Purchases for the Southern Department, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of Samuel Weir, representative of the People South of French Broad River, in behalf of himself and his constituents, was presented to the House and read, praying that the right of pre-emption to certain lands which they purchased of the Indians, and have since been ceded to the United States by the treaties of Seneca, and of Holston, may be secured to the memorialists, and they be permitted to settle thereon.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Hillhouse, Mr. Irvine, and Mr. Walker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Gunning Bedford, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the salary allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Dexter, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Harrison; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several petitions of Jacob Beck and others, William Laken, and Lambert Dorland, by John Winter, his attorney, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for military services rendered, or losses and injuries sustained, in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of Jacob Milligan, returned on the fifth ultimo, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of James Strange, of the town of Manchester, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on a quantity of salt, the property of the petitioner, which was lost in consequence of the vessel in which it was laden having been drove on shore in a gale of wind, and bilged at Rockett's Landing, in the said State.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Wingate; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined four enrolled bills: one entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning invalids;" another entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a light house near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina;" another entitled "An act for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress;" and another entitled "An act to establish the office of purveyor of public supplies;" and had the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills:



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report the compensations given to the officers employed in the management of the revenue arising from stills and distilled spirits, not included in his report of the seventeenth instant, together with the number of officers employed in each State.

Mr. Ames, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Amelie, Adelaide, Melanie, and Silvie de Grasse, four daughters of the late Count de Grasse, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon: which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That, in consideration of the extraordinary services rendered the United States by the late Count de Grasse, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, on the urgent request of the Commander in Chief of the American forces, beyond the term limited for his co-operation with the troops of the United States, there be allowed and paid to Amelie, Adelaide, Melanie, and Silvie de Grasse, daughters of the late Count de Grasse, respectively, the sum of one thousand dollars.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Ames, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Gilman, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Jeremiah Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Robert Barton, and others; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the militia of the United States; and that one thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of the two Houses.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Donnellan, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the 'Act for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes.'" The Senate have also disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of the act, entitled 'An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition, and encouraging the importation of the same.'" And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Friday next.

And then the House adjourned until Friday morning ten o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Robert Barton and others was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Robert Barton and others."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Patrick Dennis and James Montgomery, in behalf of themselves and others, officers and seamen employed on board the revenue cutters of the United States, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation al-

lowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of James Armor was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the use of a wagon and team, and the loss of sundry horses killed and crippled while employed in the service of the militia, called out to suppress the late insurrection in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Ames, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law, on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the amendments of this House to the last mentioned bill: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to all the said amendments, with an amendment to the last amendment of the Senate to the first section of the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning invalids;" another entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a lighthouse near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina;" another entitled "An act for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress;" and another entitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of Public Supplies."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President being absent, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, and Henry Tazewell has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law, on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels,'" Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be committed to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Boudinot.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Agnus M'Lean;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have



disagreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the last amendment of the Senate to the first section of the amendments of this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;'" and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendment to the amendment; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate, and that Mr. Hartley, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Greenup, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

An engrossed bill authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Edmund Hogan, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to take and publish an accurate and impartial statement of the legislative subjects which may be submitted to the consideration of the House, and the debates thereon of the members, respectively, on the plan contemplated in a motion made to this House on the twentieth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Page; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Joseph Long, by Lemuel Benton, his Attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay and other emoluments due for his services as a matross in a regiment of artillery of the Continental Army, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Agnus M'Lean," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Watts, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Claiborne.

Mr. Hartley, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States,'" made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Strange, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning invalids;" another entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a light-house near the entrance of Georgetown harbor, in the State of South Carolina;" and another entitled "An act for the reimbursement of a loan authorized by an act of the last session of Congress."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom were committed the amendments of

the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law, on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," made a report: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to all the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were, severally, twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, at the Clerk's table, by striking out, after the word "redeemed," in the thirteenth line of the eleventh section, the words following, to wit: "and shall be, and are hereby declared to be, vested in the said Commissioners, as property in trust, to be applied according to the provisions of the aforesaid act of the eight day of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and of this act, to the reimbursement and redemption of the said debt, including the loans aforesaid, until the same shall be fully reimbursed and redeemed:"

It passed in the negative,    { Yeas ..... 39,  
   { Nays ..... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
Isaac Coles,  
George Dent,  
Gabriel Duvall,  
Benjamin Edwards,  
William Findley,  
William B. Giles,  
James Gillespie,  
William B. Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
Daniel Heister,  
John Hunter,  
Matthew Locke,  
William Lyman,

Nathaniel Macon,  
James Madison,  
Alexander Mebane,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Anthony New,  
John Nicholas,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
John Page,  
Francis Preston,  
John Smilie,  
Thomas Sprigg,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker,  
Paine Wingate, and  
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
James Armstrong,  
John Beatty,  
Lemuel Benton,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
William J. Dawson,  
Jonathan Dayton,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,

James Gordon,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Heath,  
James Hillhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
John Wilkes Kittara,  
Henry Latimer,  
Amasa Learned,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Montgomery,  
William Vans Murray,  
Andrew Pickens,



Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
Samuel Smith,  
William Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,

Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
John Watts, and  
Richard Winn.

The said bill being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines:" The Senate have disagreed to the resolution of this House respecting certain laws of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, passed the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two. The Senate recede from their last amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the first amendatory section of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth recede from their amendment to the last amendment of the Senate to the first amendatory section of the last mentioned bill.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, accompanying statements in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners, which have been returned to the War Office by the Judges of the District Courts of the United States, since the thirtieth day of December last; and of the additional evidence received further to support certain claims formerly stated; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

An engrossed bill making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt, was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry sugar refiners of the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that, in lieu of the duty of two cents per pound, imposed by an act of the last session of Congress, on sugar refined within the United States, a tax or duty may be laid on the pan or boiler used in refining sugars.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial do lie on the table.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territory of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of Public Supplies." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Watts, from the committee to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Agnus M'Lean," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto: Whereupon,

The said bill was amended at the Clerk's table; and, together with the amendments, read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the seventeenth instant, as relates to the disposition of Indian lands by the Legislature of the State of Georgia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the reports of the committee to whom were referred the memorial of Mary S. Jones, and the petitions of Francis Nash, and of Francis Peyrinnaut, administrator of Pierre de Camps; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said reports under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That provision be made by law, for the relief of the petitioners, respectively, according to the prayer of their several petitions.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Dent, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hartley, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force the act 'for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was re-committed the report of a committee on the report of the Secretary of War, respecting the fortifications of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, be appropriated for the purpose of completing the fortifications of certain ports and harbors in the United States.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Parker, Mr. Pickens, and Mr. Murray, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for allowing an additional compensation to the Judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Agnus M'Lean." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes," with several



amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill, and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to examine and report on the state of the Mint, and what further measures may be necessary to render the institution more beneficial; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That provision be made by law for the appointment of a Refiner and Melter in the Mint of the United States, whose duty shall be, to take charge of all copper, and silver, and gold bullion, delivered out by the Treasurer of the Mint, after it has been assayed, and to reduce it into bars or ingots fit for the rolling mills: and then to deliver them to the coiner or treasurer, as the director shall judge expedient; and to do and perform all other duties belonging to the office of Refiner and Melter, or which shall be ordered by the Director of the Mint.

2d. *Resolved*, That provision be made by law, authorizing the Treasurer of the Mint to retain two cents per ounce, from every deposit of silver bullion below standard; and four cents per ounce, from every deposit of gold bullion below the standard, unless the same shall require the operation of the test; then six cents, as a compensation for refining and melting the same.

3d. *Resolved*, That gross bullion brought for deposit and coinage to the Mint, shall not be received in smaller quantities than two hundred ounces of silver, and twenty ounces of gold.

4th. *Resolved*, That the standard for silver coin, as now established by law, be altered, and made to consist of nine equal ten parts of pure silver, and one tenth part of pure copper, being equal to ten ounces sixteen pennyweights of pure silver in one pound troy.

5th. *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be authorized to reduce the weight of the copper coin at his discretion: *Provided*, such reduction shall not exceed two pennyweights in each cent, and in proportion in each half cent: of which he shall give notice by proclamation, and report the same to the next session of Congress.

6th. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the United States be authorized by law to distribute, at the public expense, all cents received from the Treasurer of the Mint, by sending them to some one bank in each State, where any are established, and where not, to the principal collector of such State, (in proportion to the number of inhabitants of the State,) to be by them paid out for cash, to any person requesting the same, in sums not less than ten dollars value.

7th. *Resolved*, That provision be made by law, enabling the Director and Treasurer of the Mint to give a preference to bullion brought to the Mint, already of, or above the standard of the United States, so as not to be prevented coining and issuing the same, although bullion below the standard, and not yet refined, may have been deposited for coinage before it: any thing in any law heretofore passed, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Hunter, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for allowing an additional compensation to the Judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where have been, or may hereafter be erected and fixed lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," be discharged from the consideration of the same; and that it be re-committed to Mr. William Smith, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Findley, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Madison.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Jose Roiz Silva; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred the petition of the corporation of Rhode Island College; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

An engrossed bill relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed, lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Joze Roiz Silva was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Joze Roiz Silva."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned," was read the third time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Boudinot.

A petition of Heckless Falkner, of the State of New Jersey, widow of William Falkner, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the arrearages of pay, and other emoluments, due for the services of the deceased, as a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Ebenezer Branham and others, inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims, for the value of sundry horses killed in the service of the militia called out to suppress the late insurrection in the four Western counties of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Agnus M'Lean;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Hogan, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the



Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for allowing an additional compensation to the Judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force the act for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States.'"

Mr. William Smith, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," reported an amendatory bill to alter and amend the act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the motion of the thirtieth ultimo, authorizing a treaty to be held for the extinguishment of Indian titles to lands within the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That, in case the President of the United States shall think proper to enter into a treaty or treaties with all or any of the Indian tribes claiming lands within the Territory South of the river Ohio, for the extinguishment of their claims to all or any of the said lands, the sum of ——— dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the purpose of defraying the expenses of any such treaty or treaties.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. William Smith, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Swift, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Page, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hillhouse, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Weir, Representative of the People South of French Broad River, in behalf of himself and his constituents, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the ascertainment of certain losses of the officers of Government and other citizens, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania, and providing some present relief to the sufferers;" and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dent, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Mary S. Jones and others; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Parker, Hopkins, and Meers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said report be re-committed to Mr. Parker, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Carnes.

Mr. Dent, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Rapalyea, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of

the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the relief of Mary S. Jones and others.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the estimates of appropriation for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said estimates under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That, including the appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars, made for the Military Establishment, by an act of the present session, there be appropriated for the said Military Establishment a sum not exceeding one million four hundred and thirty-nine thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and twenty-nine cents; that is to say :

For the pay of the Legion of the United States	-	-	-	\$304,548
For the pay of the corps of Artillery	-	-	-	56,868
For subsistence of the Legion and Artillery	-	-	-	361,179 30
For forage and cavalry	-	-	-	33,720
For clothing	-	-	-	127,440
For equipments for the cavalry	-	-	-	7,314
For horses for the cavalry	-	-	-	24,000
For bounty	-	-	-	5,000
For the Hospital Department	-	-	-	20,000
For the Ordnance Department	-	-	-	11,365 99
For the Indian Department	-	-	-	50,000
For the Quartermaster's Department	-	-	-	150,000
For contingencies of the War Department	-	-	-	30,000
For the defensive protection of the frontiers	-	-	-	130,000
For the completion of the fortifications	-	-	-	50,000
For additional pay and bounty to the Legion and Artillery, pursuant to an act of the present session	-	-	-	77,464

*Resolved*, That, for defraying the expense of six months' pay and subsistence of a detachment of militia employed under the command of Major General Morgan, pursuant to an act of the present session, there be appropriated the sum of one hundred thousand six hundred and eighty-two dollars; that is to say:

For the General Staff	-	-	-	-	4,134
For Major Brooke's battalion	-	-	-	-	19,848
For Major Lynn's battalion	-	-	-	-	21,300
For cavalry	-	-	-	-	23,400
For subsistence	-	-	-	-	24,000
For forage for officers and cavalry	-	-	-	-	8,000

*Resolved*, That there be appropriated a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for the contingent purposes of Government, and subject to the disposition of the President of the United States.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Foster, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse, with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and, the same being read, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the seventeenth instant, as relates to the disposition of Indian lands by the Legislature of the State of Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.



The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Lee have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the Session.

A memorial and remonstrance of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire was presented to the House and read, praying the interference and support of Congress, in favor of the judicial power of the State Court, against an encroachment of the Judiciary of the United States, in reversing a decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of the said State of New Hampshire; which was rendered in a case decided before the adoption of the present Constitution of Government of the United States.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial and remonstrance be referred to Mr. Madison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Carnes, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Coit, and Mr. Harper; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Henry Wayman, administrator of John Wayman, of Ann Arundel county, in the State of Maryland, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the deceased, which was taken for the use of a detachment of Continental cavalry during the late war.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered,* That the memorial of the sugar refiners of the city of Philadelphia, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Heister, Mr. Findley, and Mr. Baldwin; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned," made a report; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to continue in force the act 'for ascertaining the fees in admiralty proceedings in the District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes,'" and another entitled "An act enabling George Gibbs to obtain a drawback of duties on certain exported wines."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to provide some present relief to the officers of Government, and other citizens, who have suffered in their property by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania;" another entitled "An act authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars, for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse;" and another entitled "An act for allowing an additional compensation to the Judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further appropriations for the military establishment, and for the support of Government; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of Absalom Baird, John Bennet, in behalf of himself and Abraham Sutton, William Boyd, George Calmese, George Campbell, Thomas Curtis, Charles Fierer, Elisha Frizzle, Edward Goddard, Robert Harris, Joseph Hull, Ebenezer Kent, John Learned, Abigail Lewis, John R. Livingston, John Lochman, Thomas Marshall, Joseph McCracken, John Minor, Robert Peling, Henry Roberts, James Rowland, David Scott, Nathan Smith, Sarah Thompson, Joshua Whitney, and Caleb Worley, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the number of officers employed in each State in

the management of the revenue from stills and spirits distilled in the United States; as, also, a letter from the Commissioner of the Revenue, relative to compensations to the said officers; which were read, and, together with the resolution of this House of the eighteenth instant, on the subject-matter thereof, ordered to be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Sherburne.

Mr. William Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making a conditional provision for the expenses of a treaty with certain Indian tribes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *February 25th*, 1795.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :*

I communicate to Congress copies of a letter from the Governor of the State of Georgia, and of an act of the Legislature thereof, "to ratify the resolution of Congress explanatory of the judicial power of the United States."

G. WASHINGTON.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Collector of the District of New York be authorized to allow the drawback on the exportation of two thousand yellow handled cutlasses, or sugar knives, imported in the month of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, by Brothers, Coster, and Company, merchants of New York, in the ship Peggy, Zaccheus Henshaw, master: Provided, the same shall be exported, according to law, within two years from the time of the importation.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Watts, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Wingate, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the post office and post roads within the United States.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Barton and others." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Spencer Mann and Frantz Jacob Foltz," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and the same being read, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the seventeenth instant, as relates to the disposition of Indian lands by the Legislature of the State of Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That all persons who shall be assembled, or embodied in arms, on any lands belonging to Indians, out of the ordinary jurisdiction of any State, or of the Territory South of the River Ohio, for the purpose of warring against the Indians, or of committing depredations against any Indian town, or persons, or property, shall thereby become liable and subject to be taken and confined by the military force of the United States, in such manner as to be made amenable to, and triable by law:

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Hillhouse.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

An engrossed bill making further appropriations for the Military Establishment, and for the support of Government, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making further appropriations for the Military and Naval Establishments, and for the support of Government."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Beatty, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons, and repealing the former act for that purpose; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Barton, and others;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported in the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to repeal the second section of the act, entitled "An act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the officers of both Houses."

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Heath, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Macon.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes;" another entitled "An act to provide some present relief to the officers of Government, and other citizens, who have suffered in their property by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania;" another entitled "An act authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse;" another entitled "An act for allowing an additional compensation to the Judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware;" and another entitled "An act for the relief Agnus McLean."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendment, was then read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Watts, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for extending the time relative to drawbacks on the exportation of certain military stores; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Mary S. Jones, and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Watts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question, that this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the seventeenth instant, as relates to the disposition of Indian lands by the Legislature of the State of Georgia: and the said resolutions being amended at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That Congress will co-operate with the President of the United States in giving due effect to all such constitutional and legal means as he shall adopt and pursue to prevent the infraction of the treaties made with the Indian tribes.

2d. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the President of the United States not to permit treaties for the extinguishment of the Indian title to any lands, to be holden at the instance of individuals, or of States, where it shall appear that the property of such lands, when the Indian title shall be extinguished, will be vested in, or claimed by, particular persons: And that, whenever treaties are held for the benefit of the United States, individuals claiming rights of pre-emption, shall be prevented from treating with the Indians concerning the same; and that, generally, such private claims be postponed to those of the several States, wherever the same may be consistent with the welfare and defence of the United States.

3d. *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be authorized to obtain a cession of the State of Georgia, of their claim to the whole, or any part, of the land within the present Indian boundaries.

*Ordered*, That the first and second resolutions do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the last resolution, and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Macon, Mr. Murray, Mr. Findley, Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Sherburne, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred a motion of the twenty-fifth instant, respecting such persons as shall be assembled, or embodied in arms, on any lands, belonging to Indians, out of the ordinary jurisdiction of any State, or of the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for extending the time relative to drawbacks on the exportation of certain military stores, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for extending the time relative to drawbacks on the exportation of certain military stores."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.



On motion,  
The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Heister, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the sugar refiners of Philadelphia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of Oliver Barnett, Jacob Beltzhuwer, Daniel Byrnes, George Crookshank, Walter Cruise, Gilbert Dean, William B. Gould, James McCallmont, Henry Meyer, Thomas Miller, John Nixon, Andrew Ramsay, John Rowland, Tobias Rudolph, Joseph Shorb, and William Story, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was recommitted the report of a committee on the petition of Parker, Hopkins, and Meers, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a return of the exports of the United States, for one year, ending the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; as, also, an explanatory letter to him, from the Commissioner of the Revenue; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act relative to the passing of coasting vessels between Long Island and Rhode Island;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in the Senate: one entitled "An act for allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Districts of Rhode Island and Delaware;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Agnus McLean." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act relative to the passing of coasting vessels between Long Island and Rhode Island," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to provide some present relief to the officers of Government, and other citizens, who have suffered in their property, by the insurgents in the Western counties of Pennsylvania;" and another entitled "An act authorizing the payment of four thousand dollars for the use of the daughters of the late Count de Grasse."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and amend the act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Heath, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal the second section of the act, entitled "An act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the officers of both Houses;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Seymour;" The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to a resolution "authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon,



and military stores, in certain cases;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred a motion, of the twenty-fifth instant, respecting such persons as shall be assembled or embodied in arms on any lands belonging to Indians, out of the ordinary jurisdiction of any State, or of the territory of the United States, South of the river Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed," and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom referred the petition of Thomas Willock, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution sent from the Senate, "authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said resolution was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend the act, entitled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Heath, from the committee appointed on the twelfth of December last, respecting the settlement of the accounts of the former Government, and the unpaid balances due thereon, reported a statement of accounts which originated under the late Government, and which have been settled since the establishment of the Treasury Department, to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the second section of an act to erect a lighthouse on the head-land of Cape Hatteras, and a lighted beacon on Shell Castle Island, in the harbor of Occacock, in the State of North Carolina;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Benjamin Bourne, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Watts.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing trading houses for the purpose of supplying the Indian nations within the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sherburne reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question, that this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which

originated in this House, entitled "An act to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes." The said Secretary also delivered in a message, in writing, from the President of the United States, containing a confidential communication relative to the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined four enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed;" another entitled "An act relative to the passing of coasting vessels between Long Island and Rhode Island;" another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of William Seymour;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Niles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Bozman, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, accompanying further statements in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners, returned to the War Office by the Judges of the District Courts of the United States, since his report of the twenty-first instant, and of the additional evidence received, further to support certain claims, formerly stated; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims, with instruction to report thereon, by way of bill or otherwise.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed;" another entitled "An act relative to the passing of coasting vessels between Long Island and Rhode Island;" another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned;" another entitled "An act for the relief of William Seymour;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Spencer Man and Frantz Jacob Foltz;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Barton and others."

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions and amendments thereto, reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred a motion of the twenty-fifth instant, respecting such persons as shall be assembled or embodied in arms, or any lands belonging to Indians out of the ordinary jurisdiction of any State, or of the territory of the United States South of the river Ohio: Whereupon,

The first resolution being read in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved*, That all persons who, unauthorized by law, and with hostile intent, may be found in arms on any lands allotted or secured to the Indians by treaties between the United States and any Indian tribes, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit a sum not exceeding ——— dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding ——— months:

The amendment thereto, reported by the Committee of the Whole House to add to the end thereof, the words "unless it shall be in immediate pursuit of Indians who shall have recently committed hostilities," was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.—Yeas 39, Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Armstrong,  
Theodorus Bailey,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Thomas Blount,  
Thomas P. Carnes,  
Gabriel Christie,  
Thomas Claiborne,  
William J. Dawson,  
George Dent,  
Samuel Dexter,  
Gabriel Duvall,

Benjamin Edwards,  
William Findley,  
Christopher Greenup,  
William B. Grove,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
William Irvine,  
Matthew Locke,  
William Lyman,  
Nathaniel Macon,



Joseph M'Dowell,  
Alexander Mebane,  
William Montgomery,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Joseph Neville,  
Anthony New,  
Alexander D. Orr,  
John Page,

Thomas Scott,  
John Smilie,  
Thomas Sprigg,  
Thomas Tredwell,  
Philip Van Cortlandt,  
Abraham Venable,  
Francis Walker,  
Richard Winn, and  
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
John Beatty,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Shearjashub Bourne,  
Benjamin Bourne,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
David Cobb,  
Peleg Coffin,  
Joshua Coit,  
Henry Dearborn,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Dwight Foster,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Henry Glen,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
James Gordon,  
Robert Goodloe Harper,  
James Hilhouse,  
William Hindman,  
Samuel Holten,  
John Hunter,  
Aaron Kitchell,

John Wilkes Kittera,  
Amasa Learned,  
James Madison,  
Francis Malbone,  
William Vans Murray,  
Nathaniel Niles,  
Andrew Pickens,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John S. Sherburne,  
Jeremiah Smith,  
Israel Smith,  
William Smith,  
Zephaniah Swift,  
George Thatcher,  
Uriah Tracey,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Peter Van Gaasbeck,  
Peleg Wadsworth,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
John Watts,  
Benjamin Williams, and  
Paine Wingate.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, to amend the said resolution by adding to the end thereof the following words: "unless it shall be in continuation of a pursuit to a distance not exceeding ——— miles beyond the line of the particular Indians who shall have recently committed murder, or may be carrying off captives or plunder:"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said resolution, as amended, was then again read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That all persons who, unauthorized by law, and with hostile intent, may be found in arms on any lands allotted or secured to the Indians by treaties between the United States and any Indian tribes, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit a sum not exceeding ——— dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding ——— months, unless it shall be in continuation of a pursuit to a distance not exceeding ——— miles beyond the line of the particular Indians who shall have recently committed murder, or may be carrying off captives or plunder.

The second resolution being again read, and amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That it shall be lawful for the military force of the United States to apprehend every person or persons found in arms as aforesaid, and him or them to convey to the civil authority of the United States within some one of the States, who shall, by such authority, be secured to be tried in manner and form as is provided in and by the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes:" *Provided*, That no person shall be confined, after his arrest, and before his removal, more than ——— days.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Hilhouse, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt," with an amendment: to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment ; and the same being read, was agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the reports of the Secretary of War, accompanying sundry statements in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners returned to the War Office by the Judges of the District Courts of the United States, made a report ; which was read : Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, making provision for the cases of the said claimants, respectively ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Swift, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Venable.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes," was read the third time, amended at the Clerk's table, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate disagree to the amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt ;" and the Senate do recede from their said amendment. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons, therein named, on the pension list ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Benjamin Bourne, from the committee to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the second section of the act for erecting a lighted beacon on Shellcastle Island, in the harbor of Occacock, in the State of North Carolina," made a report ; which was read : Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said bill be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit : one entitled "An act relative to cessions of jurisdiction in places where light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, have been, or may hereafter be, erected and fixed ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of William Seymour ;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Barton and others ;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Spencer Mann and Frantz Jacob Foltz."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the



Whole House on the bill laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons, and repealing the former act for that purpose; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in the Senate: one entitled "An act relative to the passing of coasting vessels between Long Island and Rhode Island;" and another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned." The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joze Roiz Silva." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Swift, from the committee to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Galliopolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was read the third time:

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of Samuel Aborn, Jonathan Bailey, Joseph Barnard, David Barnes, Sarah Beacham, John Blake, administrator of Daniel Tucker, Timothy Bradley, Samuel Cheney, John Clark, Lydia Cogswell, Timothy Concklin, Robert Crab, George Crowninshield and others, James Davis, Philip Duck, Nathaniel Dummer, Ebenezer Foster, William Brown Foggo, Thomas Frothingham, Manus Kean and others, Richard Keys, Isaac Ledyard, Andrew Lee, Henry B. Livingston, William Martin, James M'Calmont, Duncan M'Kinley, William Minns, John Moore, executor of John Okely, Caleb Newbold and others, Sarah Parker, Daniel Perkins, Francis Porie and Stephen Carpenter, Mary Potens, George Schreffwar, Nicholas Schuyler, Dirck Swart, James Taylor, Harry Terrel, William Tompkins, Abraham J. Van Alstine, and Killian Van Rensselaer, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making a conditional provision for the expenses of a treaty with certain Indian tribes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing extracts of letters and documents from Major General Wayne, and from James Seagrove, Agent of Indian Affairs for the Creek nation; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred sundry reports of the Secretary of War, accompanying statements in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners, returned to the War Office by the Judges of the District Courts of the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom were referred the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the twenty-fifth ultimo, enclosing a statement exhibiting a number of officers employed in the management of the revenue from stills and spirits distilled within the United States; as also, a letter from the Commissioner of the Revenue on the subject of compensation to the said officers, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the next Congress such a statement of the internal revenues as will ascertain, with precision, the nett product thereof, and the expense of collection; and that he also report a list of all the officers employed in that service, and the compensations allowed to each of them.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolution sent from the Senate, authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, ac-

according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said resolution, with the amendment, was then read the third time.

And on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill making a conditional provision for the expenses of a treaty with certain Indian tribes, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making provision for the purposes of treaty and of trade with the Indians."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

It appears from the information which I have lately received, that it may be probably necessary, to the more successful conduct of our affairs on the coast of Barbary, that one Consul should reside in Morocco, another in Algiers, and a third in Tunis or Tripoli. As no appointment for these offices will be accepted without some emoluments annexed, I submit to the consideration of Congress, whether it may not be advisable to authorize a stipend to be allowed to two Consuls for that coast, in addition to the one already existing.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *March 2d*, 1795.

The said message was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Boudinot, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of clerks;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill, with the amendment, was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, as followeth:

*Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

I transmit to you copies of a letter from the Governor of the State of Delaware, and of an act enclosed, "declaring the assent of that State to an amendment therein mentioned to the Constitution of the United States."

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *March 2d*, 1795.

The said message and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the support of the public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for continuing and regulating the Military Establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject," with sundry amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States,



accompanying his account of receipts and expenditures for the War Department, from the first day of September to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, inclusive ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt."

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of this day, respecting the appointment of Consuls, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker :* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have disagreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the resolution "authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons therein named on the pension list was read the third time.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons therein named on the pension list."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States," and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons, and repealing the former act for that purpose, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act laying duties on carriages for the conveyance of persons, and repealing the former act for that purpose."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered,* That the letter and report from the Secretary of War, of the twenty-eighth ultimo, accompanying a further statement in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners, which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to re-consider their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the resolution "authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases." Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth adhere to their said amendment.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until seven o'clock, post meridiem.

*Seven o'clock, P. M. Monday, March 2.*

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the Clerk of this House be authorized and directed to pay to Thomas Claxton, out of the money appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, one hundred and fifty dollars, for extra services.

Mr. Dearborn, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the merchants and mariners of Wiscasset, in the State of Massachusetts, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the President of the United States to obtain a cession of claim to certain territory ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to day.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That Timothy Concklin, Abigail Lewis, Henry B. Livingston, John M'Lean, and William M'Neal, who severally presented petitions to this House, have leave to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate recede from their amendment to the resolution "authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases;" in a disagreement to which this House hath adhered. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Hogan; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to receive proposals from any person or persons skilled in the art of stenography, or capable of reporting debates with accuracy and to report the same to this House, at the commencement of the next Session, with his observations and opinion respecting the qualification of the said person or persons for the said duty, to the end that this House may be enabled to appoint one or more persons as officers of the House, for the valuable purpose above mentioned.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5.

A petition of Gifford Dally, late Doorkeeper, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a certain sum of money entrusted to him for the purpose of purchasing fuel for the House, and which necessity compelled him to appropriate to the use of his family, during the continuance of the calamity in the city of Philadelphia, in the Summer and Fall of the year, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three; or that he may be permitted to refund the same, by small annual instalments.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Tracey, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were yesterday referred a letter and report from the Secretary of War, of the twenty-eighth ultimo, accompanying a further statement in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States;" another entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Military and Naval establishments, and for the support of Government;" another entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States;" another entitled "An act for continuing and regulating the Military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject;" another entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" another entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks;" another entitled "An act to authorize a grant of lands to the

French inhabitants of Galliopolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and another entitled "An act authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for extending the time relative to drawbacks on the exportation of certain military stores." And then he withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Andrew Pepin and John Roff, who severally presented petitions to this House, have leave to withdraw the same.

The House proceeded to consider the report made yesterday by the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred sundry reports from the Secretary of War, accompanying statements in the cases of claimants to be placed on the list of pensioners; and the said report being amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the return of invalid pensioners from the District of New Hampshire, by Samuel Tenney, William Parker, junior, and Ephraim Robinson, under a commission from John Sullivan, late Judge of the said District, which contains only an abstract of the testimony, be returned by the Secretary of War to the District Judge of New Hampshire, for the purpose of giving an opportunity to return the testimony respecting the invalids contained in the said report, according to the requisitions of law.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the House of Representatives, at the next session, a tariff of duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, proportioned to the rates of duties now imposed by law, with his opinion on such other matters as may be necessary for the improvement of the revenue arising from impost and from distilled spirits and stills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the purposes of treaty and of trade with the Indians," with sundry amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the seventeenth ultimo, as relates to the communications from the Governor of the Territory of the United States South of the river Ohio, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that it be re-committed to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Blount.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have postponed to the next session of Congress, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to place certain persons therein named on the pension list." The Senate have agreed to a resolution "relative to the title to certain land situate in the Southwestern parts of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and, the same being read, as followeth:

*"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be, and hereby is, requested to give directions to the Attorney General to collect, digest, and report to the Senate, the charters, treaties, and other documents, relative to, and explanatory of, the title to the land situate in the Southwestern parts of the United States, and claimed by certain companies, under a law of the State of Georgia, passed the seventh day of January last, namely: a tract of land claimed by James Gunn, Matthew McAllister, and George Walker, and their associates; also, a tract of land claimed by Nicholas Long, Thomas Glascock, Ambrose Gordon, and Thomas Cumming, and their associates; also, a tract of land claimed by John B. Scott, John C. Nightingale, and Wade Hampton, and their associates; and, also, a tract of land claimed by Zachariah Cox and Matthias Maher, and their associates;"

A motion was made and seconded, to amend the said resolution at the Clerk's table, by striking out, in the fourth line, the word "*Senate*," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "*next Congress*."



And on the question thereupon,  
It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said resolution, as amended, was again read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making provision for the purposes of trade with the Indians," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That the Transylvania Company, commonly called Richard Henderson and Company, who presented a memorial to this House on the sixth day of January last, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. New, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due by individuals to the United States;" another entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Military and Naval establishments, and for the support of Government;" another entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the Laws of the United States;" another entitled "An act for continuing and regulating the Military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject;" another entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" another entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks;" another entitled "An act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" another entitled "An act authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases;" and another entitled "An act making provision for the purposes of trade with the Indians."

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn without day; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States;" another entitled "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt;" another entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States;" another entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" another entitled "An act for continuing and regulating the Military establishment of the United States, and for repealing sundry acts heretofore passed on that subject;" another entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Military and Naval establishments, and for the support of Government;" and another entitled "An act making provision for the purposes of trade with the Indians."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit: one entitled "An act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" another entitled "An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks;" and another entitled "An act authorizing the exportation of arms, cannon, and military stores, in certain cases." The Senate have appointed a committee, on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that Congress is ready to adjourn without day, unless he may have any farther communications to make to them. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the intended recess of Congress; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Sedgwick, and Mr. Trumbull, be of the said committee on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded,

That the thanks of this House be presented to Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in discharging the arduous and important duties assigned him while in the chair;

It was resolved unanimously: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments to the House in manner following:

"GENTLEMEN: I feel myself highly honored by this distinguished mark of your approbation of my conduct in the station you were pleased to assign unto me; and although I am conscious that my feeble efforts do not merit so precious a reward, yet permit me to assure you that it has made a lasting impression on my mind, and I shall ever esteem it with the most unfeigned satisfaction.

"Gentlemen, I sincerely thank you; may every happiness attend you; may you long continue to enjoy the confidence of your fellow-citizens; and may you meet with their just applause of having deserved well of your country."

Mr. Boudinot, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States and inform him of the intended recess of Congress, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he had no farther communication to make during the present session: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, *sine die*.



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**CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:**

BEGUN and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the seventh of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, being the First Session of the Fourth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,

{ Abiel Foster,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
John S. Sherburne, and  
Jeremiah Smith.

From Massachusetts,

{ Theophilus Bradbury,  
Henry Dearborn,  
Dwight Foster,  
Nathaniel Freeman, junior,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Lyman,  
William Lyman,  
John Reed,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
George Thatcher,  
Joseph B. Varnum, and  
Peleg Wadsworth.

From Rhode Island,

{ Benjamin Bourne, and  
Francis Malbone.

From Connecticut,

{ Joshua Coit,  
Chauncey Goodrich,  
Roger Griswold,  
Zephaniah Swift, and  
Uriah Tracey.

From Vermont,

Israel Smith:



From New York,

Theodorus Bailey,  
William Cooper,  
Ezekiel Gilbert,  
Henry Glen,  
Jonathan N. Havens,  
Edward Livingston,  
John E. Van Allen,  
Philip Van Cortlandt, and  
John Williams.

From New Jersey,

Jonathan Dayton,  
Aaron Kitchell,  
Isaac Smith, and  
Mark Thompson.

From Pennsylvania,

David Baird,  
Albert Gallatin,  
Daniel Heister,  
John Wilkes Kittera,  
Samuel Maclay,  
Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg,  
Samuel Sitgreaves,  
John Swanwick, and  
Richard Thomas.

From Delaware,

John Patten,

From Maryland,

Gabriel Christie,  
George Dent,  
Gabriel Duvall,  
William Hindman, and  
William Vans Murray.

From Virginia,

Samuel J. Cabell,  
John Clopton,  
Isaac Coles,  
William B. Giles,  
George Hancock,  
Carter B. Harrison,  
John Heath,  
George Jackson,  
James Madison,  
Andrew Moore,  
Josiah Parker,  
Robert Rutherford, and  
Abraham Venable.

From North Carolina,

Thomas Blount,  
Nathan Bryan,  
Dempsey Burges,  
Jesse Franklin,  
William B. Grove,  
James Holland,  
Matthew Locke,  
Nathaniel Macon, and  
Absalom Tatom.

From South Carolina,

Samuel Earle,  
Robert Goodloe Harper, and  
William Smith.

From Georgia,

Abraham Baldwin.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,  
The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker, and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Jonathan Dayton, one of the Representatives for the State of New Jersey: Whereupon,

The said Jonathan Dayton was conducted to the chair, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the House as followeth:

*Gentlemen:* It is with real diffidence that I undertake the execution of the duties which you have done me the honor to assign to me.